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THOMPSON'S REVIEW

BISHOP'S COUNCIL OF ZION CHURCH IN SESSION.

HITCHCOCK TENDERS HIS RESIGNATION.

Brownsville Investigation is at a Standstill—Statistics Relative to the Strength of the Negro Vote—The Whirl of Society.

STAFF CORRESPONDENCE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—The semi-annual meeting of the Bishops' Council of the A. M. E. Zion Church brought together this week seven of the eight bishops of the connection, nearly all of the general officers and many ministers and friends from all parts of the country. The sessions have been held in the auditorium of the Union Wesley Church, of which Rev. W. H. Davenport is pastor, and the delegates and visitors have been ably cared for by the local committees named by him. Bishop J. W. Smith of this city conducted the opening exercises on last Wednesday evening. Addresses of welcome wer deliverd by Hon. John C. Dancy, Recorder of Deeds, on behalf of the citizens; by Bishop G. W. Clinton, on behalf of the Sixth Episcopal District; Rev. S. L. Corothers, on behalf of the churches; Prof. Kelly Miller, on behalf of the schools and by Dr. F. J. Grimke on behalf of the Ministers' Undenominational Union. Responses on behalf of the Council were made by Bishop J. S. Caldwell, Rev. R. A. Morrissey, of Philadelphia, and Rev. H. J. Callis, of Boston.

The several days were taken up in hearing reports from the general officers on the condition of the church, arranging plans for the coming General Conference, discussin of how best to bring about organic union of all the Methodist bodies, and election of Episcopal delegates to the Philadelphia conference. The report of Rev. M. R. Franklin, financial secretary, showed that the connection is raising annually over $90,000 for general purposes alone, and that all of the departments are on a solid foundation. His disbursements for the year were $45,332.80, with a balance on hand of $939.35.

The report of Rev. G. L. Blackwell showed a total disbursement of $38,057.05, and a balance on hand of $969.35.

Rev. W. H. Coffey, speaking for the Church Extension Board, reported a large increase in new Zion churches in every section of the country and a correspondingly large increase in membership, the total reaching nearly 600,000.

The excellent sermon on Friday evening by Rev. J. B. Colbert on "The Extension of God's Church" has had a profound effect in inspiring the officers and membership generally to enlarge the sphere of Zion's influences, and instead of being content to allow the organization to restrict its operations to the South and Atlantic Seaboard, with only a fair sprinkling in the Central States and Middle West, the borders of the church should be extended throughout the Far West to the Golden Gate of the Pacific, and that the virgin soil of the rich Northern States from the Canadian line and the lake territory should be given careful attention. Dr. Colbert is satisfied that if congregations can be developed in the broad stretch between the Mississippi and the Rockies, the returns in a few years will more than justify the outlay, and several strong conferences can be organized very shortly in the Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana and Ohio region, where only the Kentucky and Missouri conferences are now known. It is a foregone conclusion taht the Philadelphia conference will legislate vigorously on this subject, and the result will no doubt have an important effect on the number of bishops elected. Dr. Colbert is being pushed for the bishopric as a special representative of the West, and he is making a decided impression for his cause.

The attendance this session is larger than usual, and the interest is more intense than has been the case for many years, signs that augur will for the future of the Zion church. The bishops present were: J. W. Hood, Cicero R. Davis and G. W. Clinton, of North Carolina; Alexander Walters, of New York; J. W. Alstork, of Alabama; J. S. Caldwell, of Illinois, and J. W. Smith, of the District of Columbia. General officers: Drs. M. R. Franklin, financial secretary; G. L. Blackwell, general and missionary secretary; W. H. Coffey, secretary Church Extension Board; C. C. Clement, editor of the Star of Zion; J. C. Dancy, editor of the Quarterly Review; J. F. Moreland, manager of publishing house; F. H. Hill, clerk of the publishing department; S. G. Atkins, secretary of education; J. H. Anderson, general statistician; J. E. Mason, assistant secretary of education; E. George Biddle, editor of Zion's Trumpet; R. B. Bruce, editor Sunday School Literature; W. H. Goler, president of Livingstone College; F. M. Jacobs, assistant general secretary. Other prominent divines in attendance were Drs. J. B. Colbert, Minnesota; William Sutton, president Eastern North Carolina Industrial Academy, Newbern, N. C.; O. G. Jenkins, president of colored bank at Cortland, Va.; H. J. Gallis, Boston, Mass.; W. L. Lee, North Carolina; E. D. W. Jones, Chicago; J. Augustus Robbins, Petersburg, Va.; G. L. White, North Carolina; B. J. Bolding, Wilmington, Del.; R. A. Morrissey, Philadelphia, and J. H. McMullen, New York.

The visiting bishops and ministers filled the local pulpits Sunday, and the choirs of the several Zion churche supplied the music during the sessions. The Council adjourned Monday night, but the bishops and many of the general officers remained in the city to attend the Joint Council of Bishops of the A. M. E., A. M. E. Zion and C. M. E. Connections, beginning February 12 at Metropolitan A. M. E. Church and continuing about ten days.

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The resignation of First Assistant Postmaster-General Frank H. Hitchcock took effect on the 15th. This astute political leader leaves the Government service to assist in the management of the campaign of Secretary William H. Taft, and he will prove a giant in the fray. Mr. Hitchcock will be especially active in the South, where Mr. Taft has a host of friends among both white and colored Republicans, and as Fairbanks, Foraker, Cannon, Knox, LaFollette, and the rest will take up the gage of battle in that section also, we may expect some lively times throughout the next three or four months. The result in Florida is taken to indicate that contesting delegations will be chosen in many quarters, with the hope of securing seats in the Chicago convention by the committee on credentials route. In all probability, however, the managers may come to see that such a course is productive of much unnecessary confusion and it may be decided to abide by the decision of the primaries and legally constituted conventions. The colored voter will be an important factor in the contest, and aside from the presidential issue, he will pay his respects in no uncertain tone to the "lily-whites," for whom he has had a rod in pickle for a long time. The struggle in the South for presidential delegates will be the hottest contest in recent years, and the winner of the bulk of this struggle will doubtless be the nominee of the clans that will gather in Chicago in June.

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The Brownsville investigation is again at a standstill. Senators Foraker and Scott are out of the city, and at their request the remaining members of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs have consented to delay the final consideration of the case until they can return, which will be in about ten adys. It is still the popular belief that the majority report will find the colored soldiers to blame for the shooting-up, while the minority will contend that their guilt has not been established by the evidence. What the Senate will do is a matter for conjecture, for there is no certainty that the majority report will be adopted by the body as a whole. It is regarded as highly probable that if the Senate sustains the minority report, President Roosevelt, for the first time since the beginning of the investigation, will be in a position to take definite action on the subject. Those who know Mr. Roosevelt's manly nature do ont doubt that his pronunciamento in the matter will be in accord with fair play and the best interests of all concerned. If any man is found to have been a victim of injustice, it is reasonably certain that President Roosevelt will see to it that proper restitution is made. It will be well for the colored people to restrain their emotions until the case is finally disposed of.

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The New York Times presents a table of peculiar interest, showing the strength of the colored vote in 1900. If it is to be accepted as reliable, States which voted for McKinley that year, would have been carried for Bryan had the Negro vote gone in a mass to the Democratic candidate; and a material change in several of the more decisive States would have led to the defeat of the eminent Ohioan. The independence of the Negro vote in recent municipal elections, where unpopular Republican nominees have been knifed by the colored voters on election day, is pointed out as a warning that there may be a slump in the Negro vote in close Republican States this year, if a candidate is named for President for whom the Negroes will not enthuse. That the colored Republicans will be given due consideration by the managers of all the candidates and by the campaign committees after the convention no one doubts, for the men at the head of affairs are all aware of the large interests at stake and how precious every morsel of support is, and will not be unmindful of a single point in the game. The apprehensiveness of the New York Times that there may be a "bolt" among the colored voters has not the slightest foundation, as far as the wise-acres here can determine, and the various managers hint that in the case of the Times the wish is the father to the thought. Colored Republicans have their preferences, just as other elements have, but it can be put down as a certainty that there will be no appreciable bolt of colored voters, no matter what Republican is nominated. It is a very foolish prophet indeed who will venture a prediction that the success of any of the magnificent array of men mentioned in connection with the presidency would be "slaughtered" to install in the White House a President who would have for his Cabinet and political advisers such unspeakable miscreants as Ben Tillman, Jeff Davis, Jim Vardaman, Tom Heflin, Joe Bailey, and the like. Anybody who prates of a bolt of Negroes to Bryan or any other Democrat, in preference to any Republican named at Chicago, is "talking through his hat" and ought to have quarters with Harry Thaw at Mattewan.

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For the information of those, however, who may wish to do some calculating on their own hook as to the strength of the colored vote in the States included in the New York Times' canvass, the figures are here given. They may be utilized profitably when it becomes necessary to talk things over with local chairmen. The table is made of from the election returns of November, 1900:

States.	Negro voters in 1900.	Republican plurality.
Connecticut	5,214	28,570
Idaho	3,604	583
Illinois	31,247	94,924
Indiana	18,445	23,479
Kansas	15,234	23,354
Montana	7,058	11,773
Nebraska	3,274	7,822
New Jersey	22,858	56,399
New York	39,908	143,606
Ohio	31,624	69,036
Oregon	13,185	13,141
Pennsylvania	53,757	288,433
Rhode Island	3,143	13,972
Washington	11,573	12,623
West Virginia	14,841	21,022

One vote transferred to the other side counts double in computing the effect on pluralities.

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A popular testimonial will be tendered Prof. John T. Layton at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church March 12, in recognition of his thirty years of faithful work in local musical, religious and educational circles. A program of exceptional merit will be presented by a host of volunteers, and among the attractions will be a number by the famous Mareine Band under the direction of Prof. W. H. Santelmann. Over 500 representative citizens, white and colored, signed the paper suggesting the testimonial in Prof. Layton's honor.

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Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis, Washington's favorite elocutionist, will be one of the stellar attractions at the Pre-Lenten Recital and Assembly at Palm Garden, New York, February 27, starring jointly with Mme. Azalia Hackley, the noted prima donna soprano. This will be Miss Davis' first appearance in the metropolis for several seasons, and much interest is being manifested in her appearance among her host of admirers. She will present an enirely new repertoire, especially selected for the occasion, and will doubtless repeat her former triumph as a dramatic reader of the highest quality. Mr. H. Leonard Jeter, 'cellist, now of this city, will also take part. The affair will be under the management of Prof. Walter F. Craig.

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Mr. Lewis E. Johnson of Cleveland, Ohio, who conducted the campaign which resulted in subscriptions amounting to $32,000 for the Y. M. C. A., and who has been successfully carrying on the work of the Y. M. C. A. at Buxton, Iowa, for several months, returns to Washington to serve as secretary of the local branch and will have active charge of the erection of the new $100,000 building, for which ground was broken last fall. Mr. Johnson is the very best man that the association could have chosen for this important and essentially constructive task.

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St. Augustine's (Catholic) Church is out of debt, having paid off its obligation of $57,000 in fifteen years and has a surplus of $2,000 from last year's receipts, which it will devote to the work of training colored children in the Catholic faith.

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Miss Lillian B. Wright of Chicago has been appointed as a stenographer and mimmeographer in the office of the Supervising Architect of the Treasury, at a salary of $900 per

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HOLDING HIM UNDER SUBJECTION.

The inconsistency of the "part" being greater than the "whole" has evidently been proven to be visa versa.

NEGRO BANKERS' MEETING.

TWO DAYS' SESSION HELD AT MOUND BAYOU

THE TEN NEGRO BANKS REPRESENTED

Dr. W. R. Pettiford of Alabama Makes Instructive and Inspiring Address--L. K. Atwood is Elected President.

The Mississippi Negro Bankers Association convened at Mound Bayou, Miss., Feb. 6 and held a two days' session. The association was called to order at 10:30 a. m. on Feb. 6 by Chas. Banks, cashier of the Bank of Mound Bayou, and president of the Mississippi Negro Business League. Prayer was offered by Rev. C. S. Bowman. After some preliminaries it was ascertained that representatives from all the ten Negro banks in Mississippi were on hand. Prominent among those present were: H. H. King, Yazoo City; J. H. D. Robinson, Durant; W. W. Cox, Indianola; T. C. Ewing, Vicksburg; Dr. J. B. Banks and Rev. M. E. Davis, Natchez; W. E. Mollison and H. L. Slaughter, Vicksburg; Dr. W. W. Manaway, Jackson; John W. Strauther, Greenville; and Dr. H. E. Connor, Brookhaven.

Dr. W. R. Pettiford, president of the Penny Savings Bank of Birmingham, Ala., was the guest of the Bankers Association, and his counsel was sought and words received with marked earnestness and helpfulness. It will be remembered that Dr. Pettiford is the founder of the first Negro bank in America. On Thursday night addresses of welcome were delivered by Hon. I. T. Montgomery, founder of the town of Mound Bayou, and by Rev. A. A. Cosey. Responses were made by Rev. H. H. King and Dr. L. W. W. Manaway. An address was also delivered by Dr. Pettiford upon the subject, "Banks as Agents in the Development of Negro Enterprises," which was full of information and also full of hope for the future of the race. On Friday the exercises were held at Green Grove Baptist Church. Among the subjects discussed during the two days' session were: "Directors and Their Duties," "Securities," "The Negro Banker," "Should Mississippi Have a Bank Examiner?" "Panics and Negro Banks." The people of Mound Bayou turned out in great numbers to all of the sessions, and they are loud in their expressions as to the good they derived from the meeting of the association here.

The following named officers were elected for the next year: L. K. Atwood, president, Jackson; W. W. Cox, first vice-president, Indianola; T. C. Ewing, secretary, Vicksburg; H. H. King, treasurer, Yazoo City. Executive committee: Dr. W. A. Attaway, Greenville; John W. Strauther, Greenville; J. B. Banks, Natchez; W. I. Mitchell, Columbus; Chas. Banks, Mound Bayou; W. E. Mollison, Vicksburg; and S. D. Redmond, Jackson.

The next annual meeting of the association will be held at Natchez on the second Wednesday of February, 1909. The chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the Mound Bayou Oil Mill and Mfg. Co., Hon. I. T. Montgomery, has issued a call for a meeting of the committee for February 6, and upon the calling of the roll by A. A. Cosey, secretary of the Ways and Means Committee, the following named members were found present: I. T. Montgomery, H. H. King, John W. Strauther, T. G. Ewing, W. W. Cox, J. H. D. Robinson, M. E. Davis, W. E. Mollison, Chas. Banks, A. A. Cosey, S. P. Felder, A. M. Johnson and J. H. Bufford. The treasurer, John W. Francis, came forward and made a very encouraging report, showing the several thousand dollars had been subscribed and collected.

All of the members of the committee expressed themselves as being well pleased at what had been done. Hon. W. W. Cox said he wanted an oil mill meeting held at Indianola as soon as possible, and that he was certain of large results. Rev. J. H. Bufford of Rosedale gave his check for one hundred shares ($100.00). Mr. S. Cox, a large planter at Eutaw, was introduced to the committee, and he said it was not the time for speech making, but gave his check

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BY "DOROTHY"

This column is devoted to the interests of all women and their organizations also. Address all communications to Dorothy, The Freeman Indianapolis, Ind.

NO FRIENDS LIKE OLD ONES.

There are no friends like old friends,
And none so good and true;
We greet them when we meet them
As roses greet the daw;
No other friends are dearer,
Though born of kindred mold;
And while we prize the new ones,
We treasure more the old.

There are no friends like old friends,
Where'er we dwell or roam;
In lands beyond the ocean,
Or near the bounds of home;
And when they smile to gladden,
Or sometimes from to guide,
We fondly wish those old friends
Were always by our side.

There are no friends like old friends,
To help us with the load
That all must bear who journey
O'er life's uneven road;
And when unconquered sorrows
The weary hours invest,
The kindly words of old friends
Are always found the best.

There are no friends like old friends,
To calm our frequent fears,
When shadows fall and deepen
Through life's declining years;
And when our faltering footsteps
Approach the Great Divide
We'll long to meet the old friends
Who wait on the other side.

—Deaf Mutes' Register.

WHERE WOMEN RULE.

The Cagayan valley of the Philippine Islands, is perhaps the only region in the world where everybody smokes. The custom is universal. Men, womena nd children, from little tots 2 years old to the aged and grizzled patriarch and the wrinkled and garrulous grandmother, all delight in the fragrant weed. The women smoke huge cigars three feet in length and several inches in diameter. These are called "tabaco grande," and it takes two or three days to smoke one of them up.

Frequently even larger cigars, called "tabacos de familas" (family cigars) are suspended by a string in the living rooms, where they are smoked after dinner by all the women in turn. The men smoke cigarettes or small cigars.

The people of the Cagayan valley (called the Cagayanes) are the richest people in the Philippines. As there are no banks, all the wealth in silver and gold is carefully hidden from thieves. The usual receptacles are the hollow bamboo joists which form the pillars of the houses.

Women rule here. They guard the family coffers and order and direct the household. If you desire a man to work for you, you arrange with his wife for his services.

The Cagayan river is singularly like the Mississippi, and what with the river steamers and thousands of men, women and children in gay print goods and red bandannas working upon the plantations one might almost imagine himself in the land of Tom Sawyer and Huckelberry Finn.

GIRLS HAVE SMOKING-ROOM.

Sitting in a cozy, quiet, colored room of the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, at Philadelphia, several bright-eyed, ambition-fired girls can be found nowadays indolently smoking cigarettes.

In that little room, which is away from the resounding noises and echoes of the classic corridors of the temple of art, Bohemia is now holding fullest sway, and all the students are ineffably happy.

All of those young women are as happy and care free as Bohemia itself, for they have just won a long, hard battle against the board of directors of the Academy of Fine Arts.

A moral victory, the young women call it. A concession, the directors call it.

The directors are said ot have finally yieldeda nd consented to the establishment of this smoking-room, after the young art students had openly defied the rules of the academy by dropping cigarette "butts" upon the floor. "Young ladies shall not smoke in this corridor," the directors had ordered. The young women protested fought it out before the board, and finally had a smoking-room established.

THE HIGHTS OF QUEENS.

Nearly all the sovereigns of Europe are shorter than their consorts. Our own King, for example, is not quite to tall as Queen Alexandria, the Kaiser is decidedly shorter than the German Empress, Queen Amelia of Portugal is a little taller than Don Carlos, the King of Spain is quite a half a head shorter than Queen Victoria Eugenie, the Czar appears quite small beside the Czarina,a nd so also does the King of Italy, who scarcely reaches to the shoulders of his beautiful Queen. The King of Norway and the Prince of Montenegro are the only two rulers who are very much taller than their wives.

MARRYING AND GIVING IN MARRIAGE.

On Thanksgiving day there were 12,377 weddings throughout the United States. The wedding march from "Lohengrin" was played 10,216 times, and the organists performing it made the usual average of sixty-two mistakes apiece, or 633,392 in all. The late Richard Wagner turned in his grave 165 times. Allowing for those who played at more than one wedding, there were 8,654 organists engaged in the nefarious work. At the 12,377 weddings there were 34,670 bridesmaids, each of whom regretted that she was not marching as a bride up the aisle herself. In the pews sat 10,643 brides' mothers, each wearing a smile of triumph, and 34,670 bridesmaids' mothers, each wearing a look of grim determination. More than 40,000 bachelor ushers and best men trembled in alarm. By next Thanksgiving day more than half of them will be safely enmeshed in the connubial net. Thus the business of marrying and giving in marriage goes on.

CARS FOR WOMEN ONLY.

London Special.—The County Council proposes the experiment of running a certain number of tram cars for women only during the rush hours in the morning. The fierce struggle among the passengers at the suburban termini has long been a scandal. Women and girls have to wrestle with men and boys to secure places in the cars on they way to work. They often sustain injuries and have their clothing torn.

WOMEN NOT FIT TO HANDLE BALLOT.

New York Special.—Mrs. Cora F. Trow caused consternation in a meeting of the West End Women's republican Club, recently, by stating that until women had learned how to hold legal elections in their own clubs they had no right to demand the ballot. She said that women voted for the officers of their clubs because they liked the way a candidate dressed her hair or because they disliked the woman who placed the opposition candidate in nomination. Women should study civics, she said, and become qualified to take part in the Government of the country beforer they demanded the right to vote.

NAVY NEEDS WOMEN NURSES.

Dr. R. W. Plummer, past assistant surgeon of the United States naval medical service, says that women nurses should be employed in the United States nacy, in order to raise the naval medical service to its highest medical efficiency.

A bill for the establishment and organization of a corps of trained women nurses in the navy has been recommended to Congress. It provides that women nurses be employed in naval hospitals on shore in time of peace, and on hospital and ambulance ships in time of war.

A FINE RECIPE FOR SOUP.

The chicken soup is made from the wings, back, gizard, liver, heart and neck. Put these parts in two quarts of cold water and add salt and one-fourth pod of red pepper, boil until tender, then add celery cut in cubes, one onion sliced, speck of cayenne, one-fourth of rice, one teacup of tomato juice, two tablespoons of butter. If it does not thicken enough, thicken with two teaspoons of flour in enough sweet cream to make a thickening, stir in the boiling liquid. This is a dainty soup and is fine for luncheon.

ILLITERACY IN BRAZIL.

"The curse of Brazil lies in the great illiteracy of its men and women," declared Edward B. Norris, an Englishman, who has been many years a resident of Rio Janeiro. "According to the official government figures, the illiteracy is 80 per cent. Certainly a country where only one man in five can read and write and only one woman in twenty has cause to blush at the ignorance of its people. A country of enormous area, yet with a population of only 16,000,000, Brazil is sadly handicapped by lack of modern enterprise and an enlightened citizenship. One of the most discouraging features of the country is the low esteem in which woman is held. A great many Brazilian girls marry by the time they are twelve years old and are grandmothers long before they are thirty. Woman is regarded as a chattel, and in many a household of the republic never opens his mouth except at the bidding of her husband.

HOW TO TAKE ON FLESH.

Drink plenty of water.

Eat plenty of starchy foods.

Sleep ten hours out of the twenty-four.

Give full play to the lungs in breathing.

Refuse to worry.

Take six raw eggs a day.

Drink plenty of creaf and milk.

Exercise only moderately.

IN THE KITCHEN AND SOME THINGS TO EAT.

Notebook, Pencil, Scissors.

A notebook, pencil, and scissors attached to a belt by tapes will be of great service to the busy housewife, saving time and preventing many things from being forgotten. The advantages of each article are too many to enumerate, but a trial will prove the usefulness of this plan.

Gas Stove Economy.

When using the gas oven place the vegetables in their vessels of water in the oven also,a nd thus cook and roast without heating up the top of the stove. By merely using the oven burners the entire dinner can be cooked in an hour, or a trifle more, with much less expenditure of gas than is necessitated by turning on and off the burners to cook things on top of the stove.

The average English woman is two inches tall than the American.

Six of the largest colleges in Switzerland have 2,193 female students.

The average hand of the man is one and three-quarter inches longer than the woman's average.

Polish women are now engaged at work on the dams now being constructed near Bredstedt, Schleswig, Prussia. They work as well as men and for less money.

The curiosity of a woman, who examined some colored rock she noticed in San Bernardino county recently, resulted in the unearthing of a turquois mine. It has just been sold for $24,000 to C. W. Baldwin, of New York.

Henry Labouchere retires from Parliament without regret from the women of Great Britain, for whom he had no sympathy. It was he who referred to the aristicratic dames of the "Primrose League" as the "Primrose Pollies."

In the interior of the Negro republic of Liberia, the ancient method of grinding corn by means of a stone bowl and pestle is still in use. The women do all this grinding, as such work is beneath the dignity of the men. Because of the weight of the pestle the grinding requires as much muscular power as most forms of manual labor. Thus the women usually are as strong as the men.

ABOUT VEILS.

Never leave a veil tied around a hat, for it soon becomes stretched, limp and soiled looking. Unpin it at the two endsa nd roll it round and round, then place away in a box or piece of tissue paper.

SKIRTS WILL STILL CLING.

In the West at least, the skirt will continue to cling to the feminine figure, but the sleeves must not puff. Such is the declaration of the Chicago Dressmakers' Club on the fashions for the present season. The opinion was expressed that the New York man who says bustles are on the way to Chicago had better bill them through to Denver or Keokuk, for there is no welcome for them in the West.

The hipless figure must be draped along conservative lines only, declare the arbiters of fashion. Gowns of empire effect are the vogue. The skirt will fall loose from the waist and will be long and clinging. For evening gowns the sleeves must be shorter and tight. The owner of shapely arms therefore will be happy.

CONGRESS MAY ENACT A LAW AGAINST CATS.

Rest-disturbing feline music of the mid-night back fence variety will be unknown in Washington, says District Commissioner MacFarland, when Congress enacts into law a bill he has had prepared.

Mr. McFarland is president of the board of commissioners of the District, and is preparing to submit to his two colleagues his bill for their approval. It exercises the taxing power to exterminate the cats of the national capital. The mignight Thomas cats are to be taxed $5 a year, and the anti-race suicide tabby cats are to be taxed $10. Cats to escape the clutches of the poundmaster must wear tags,a nd it is distinctly provided in the bill that the payment of tax does not permit any cat to go on private property other than that occupied by its owner.

Fence-Scaling Brigade.

If the author and friends of the bill have devised a means of collecting non-taxpaying cats, it is kept secret. It is rumored that a fence-scaling brigade, armed with ladders and butterfly-nets, will be turned loose to gather in the tax-dodgers.

The crusade against cats is being led by Mr. McFarland because of the disturbed state of mind caused him while en route home at nights by thoughtless, indiscriminating cats.

It is not thought that serious protest will be entered against the proposed law on constitutional grounds that it is class legislation and is aimed at the poor cats of the back-yard variety, while the cats of the well-to-do families will be safe from prosecution because of the protection of a home.

THE NEGRO AND TUBERCULOSIS.

At this time there is much excitement about he prevalence of tuberculosis among colored people or, in other words, there is a "consumption scare." The physicians say that it comes from not breathing fresh air. Then if this is the case, it behooves the women to get busy and see that their homes are well ventilated and demand that the cars, halls, churches and all places where large crowds are assembled are at the saving temperature point and with plenty of fresh air coming through transoms and well arranged windows. Whether it is true or untrue, that the death rate from this dreaded disease is four times as great among us as among the whites, matters not, but it does matter much if we fail to do our part to prevent the spread of it in even small proportions.

It falls upon the women of the household to see that certain rules are observed by the family and if in doubt, consult your physician.

We all know that for the most part our churches are very poorly ventilated. They are heated to the highest, without a window or transom being open, then perhaps after a while, someone pulls down a window with a direct draft on some one else, then, of course, it is closed again. The foul air has no outlet, and the fresh air fails to get in.

It is useless to dispute with fact and figures and try to console ourselves by saying that the whites are dying with the consumption, too. Of course they are, but that does not keep us from dying or from having a particular disease; neither does it make it any easier to bear because they have it.

Mothers should take special pride in teaching their children cleanliness and the benefits of good health. You perhaps may not have as much of this world's goods as some one else, but you can be clean. Water is free and the Board of Health will gladly furnish soap to those who are too poor to buy it.

At Chicago last week a number of colored people met at Fullerton Hall, and an organized movement to check tuberculosis among the Negroes of that city was begun. Perhaps other large cities may follow, but do not wait for that, begin to-day in your own home and wherever you are employed. The burden in this case as in most others, rests on the women and I am sure they will not fail to carry it, without complaint, and to success.

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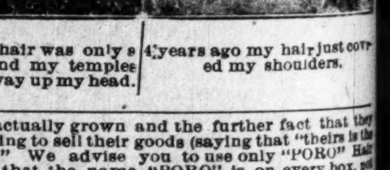

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The Fighting Chance.

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"A storm somewhere at sea," he concluded.

"Is it very fine—the surf?"

"Very fine—and very relentless," he laughed. "It is an unfriendly creature, the sea, you know."

She had begun to move toward the cliffs. He fell into step beside her. They spoke little, a word now and then.

The perfume of the mounting sea saturated the night with wild fragrance. Dew lay heavy on the lawns. She lifted her skirts enough to clear the grass, heedless that her silk shod feet were now soaking. Then at the cliffs' edge, as she looked down into the white fury of the surf, the stunning crash of the ocean saluted her.

For a long while they watched in silence. Once she leaned a trifle too far over the starlit gulf and, recoiling, involuntarily steadied herself on his arm.

"I suppose," she said, "no swimmer could endure that battering."

"Not long."

"Would there be no chance?"

"Not one."

She bent farther outward, fascinated, stirred, by the splendid frenzy of the breakers.

"I—think"— he began quietly; then a firm hand fell over her left hand, and, half encircled by his arm, she found herself drawn back. Neither spoke. Two things she was coolly aware of—that, urged, drawn by something subtly irresistible, she had leaned too far out from the cliff and would have leaned farther had he not taken matters into his own keeping without apology.

She found herself drawn back.

"Was I in any actual danger?" she asked curiously.

"I think not. But it was too much responsibility for me."

"I see. Any time I wish to break my neck I am to please do it alone in future."

"Exactly—if you don't mind," he said, smiling.

They turned, shoulder to shoulder, walking back through the drenched herbage.

"That," she said impulsively, "is not what I said a few moments ago to a woman."

"What did you say a few moments ago to a woman?"

"I said, Mr. Siward, that I would not leave a—a certain man to go to the devil alone!"

"Do you know any man who is going to the devil?"

"Do you?" she asked, letting herself go swinging out upon a tide of intimacy she had never dreamed of risking, nor had she the slightest idea whither the current would carry her.

They had stopped on the lawn, ankle deep in wet grass, the stars overhead sparkling magnificently and in their ears the outcrash of the sea.

"You mean me," he concluded.

"Do I?"

He looked up into the lovely face. Her eyes were very sweet, very clear—clear with excitement, but very friendly.

"Let us sit here on the steps a little while, will you?" she asked.

So he found a place beside her one step lower, and she leaned forward, elbows on knees, rounded white chin in her palms, the starlight giving her bare arms and shoulders a marble luster and tinting her eyes a deeper amethyst.

And now, innocently untethered, mission and all, she laid her heart quite bare—one chapter of it. And, like other women errant who believe in the influence of their sex individually and collectively, she began wrong by telling him of her engagement perhaps to emphasize her pure disinterestedness in a crusade for principle only.

So it was when she was most eloquent, most earnestly inspired—nay, in the very midst of a plea for sweetness and light and simple living—that his reasonings found voice in the material comment:

"I never imagined you were engaged!"

"Of course you didn't. You'd known me for about three hours—there on the cliff"—

"But—Quarrier"—

Over his youthful face a sullen shadow had fallen—flickering, not yet settled. He would not for anything on earth have talked freely to the woman destined to be Quarrier's wife. He had talked too much anyway. Something in her, something about her, had loosened his tongue. He had made a plain ass of himself, that was all—a garrulous ass. And truly it seemed that the girl beside him, even in the starlight, could follow and divine what he had scarcely expressed to himself, or her instincts had taken a shorter cut to forestall his own conclusion.

"Don't think the things you are thinking!" she said in a fierce little voice, leaning toward him.

"What do you mean?" he asked, taken aback.

"You know! Don't! It is unfair—it is—is faithless—to me. I am your friend. Why not? Does it make any difference to you whom I marry? If such a friendship as ours is to become worth anything to you—to me—why should it trouble you that I know and am thinking of things that concern you? Is it because the confidence is one sided? Is it because you have given and I have listened and given nothing in return to balance the account? I do give interest—deep interest, sympathy if you ask it; I give confidence in return if you desire it."

"What can a girl like you need of sympathy?" he said, smiling.

"You don't know, you don't know! If heredity is a dark vista and if you must stare through it all your life, sword in hand, always on your guard, do you think you are the only one?"

"Are you—one?" he said incredulously.

"Yes," with an involuntary shudder, "not that way. It is easier for me. I think it is. I know it is. But there are things to combat—impulses, a recklessness, perhaps something almost ruthless. What else I do not know, for I have never experienced violent emotions of any sort—never even deep emotion."

"You are in love!"

"Yes, thoroughly," she added, with conviction, "but not violently. I"—She hesitated, stopped short, leaning forward, peering at him through the dusk, and, "Mr. Siward, are you laughing?" She rose, and he stood up instantly.

There was lightning in her dark eyes now; in his something that glimmered and danced. She watched it, fascinated. Then of a sudden the storm broke, and they were both laughing convulsively, face to face, there under the stars.

"Mr. Siward," she breathed, "I don't know what I am laughing at, do you? You—you infer that I am either not in love or incapable of it or too ignorant of it to know what I'm talking about. That, Mr. Siward, is what you have done to me tonight."

"I—I'm sorry"—

"Are you?"

"I ought to be anyway," he said.

It was unfortunate. An utterly inexcusable laughter seemed to bewitch them, hovering always close to his lips and hers.

"How can you laugh!" she said. "How dare you! I don't care for you nearly as violently as I did, Mr. Siward. A friendship between us would not be at all good for me. Things pass too swiftly—too intimately. There is too much mockery in you"— She ceased suddenly, watching the somber alteration of his face, and, "Have I hurt you?" she asked penitently.

"No."

"Have I, Mr. Siward? I did not mean it." The attitude, the words, slackening to a trailing sweetness, and then the moment's silence stirred him.

"I'm rather ignorant myself of violent emotion. I suspect normal people are. As for our friendship, we'll do the best we can for it, no matter what occurs," he added, thinking of Quarrier, and, thinking of him, glanced up to see him within earshot and moving straight toward them from the veranda above.

There was a short silence, a tentative civil word from Siward, then Miss Landis took command of something that had a grotesque resemblance to a situation. A few minutes later they returned slowly to the house, the girl walking serenely between Siward and her preoccupied affianced.

"If your shoes are as wet as my skirts and slippers you had better change, Mr. Siward," she said, pausing at the foot of the staircase.

So he took his congee, leaving her standing there with Quarrier and mounted to his room.

In the corridor he passed Ferrall, who had finished his business correspondence and was returning to the cardroom.

"Here's a letter that Grace wants you to see," he said. "Read it before you turn in, Stephen."

"All right, but I'll be down later," replied Siward, passing on, the letter in his hand. Entering his room, he kicked off his wet pumps and found dry ones; then moved about, whistling a gay air from some recent vaudeville, busy with rough towels and silken footgear, until, reshod and dry, he was ready to descend once more.

The encounter, the suddenly informal acquaintance with this young girl, had stirred him agreeably, leaving a slight exhilaration. Even her engagement to Quarrier added a tinge of malice to his interest. Besides, he was young enough to feel the flattery of her concern for him.

Perhaps, as like recognizes like, he recognized in her the instincts of the born drifter momentarily at anchor—the temporary inertia of the opportunist, the latent capacity of an unformed character for all things and anything. Add to these her few years, her beauty and the wholesome ignorance so confidently acknowledged, what man could remain unconcerned, uninterested, in the development of such possibilities? Not Siward, amused by her sagacious and impulsive prudence, worldliness and innocence in accepting Quarrier and touched by her profitless, frank and unworldly friendliness for himself.

Not that he objected to her marrying Quarrier. He rather admired her for being able to do it, considering the general scramble for Quarrier. But let that take care of itself. Meanwhile their sudden and capricious intimacy had aroused him from the morbid reaction consequent upon the cheap notoriety which he had brought upon himself. Let him sponge his slate clean and begin again a better record, flattered by the solicitude she had so prettily displayed.

Whistling under his breath the same gay, empty melody, he opened the top drawer of his dresser, dropped in his mother's letter and, locking the drawer, pocketed the key. He would have time enough to read the letter when he went to bed. He did not just now feel exactly like skimming through the fond, foolish sermon which he knew had been preached at him through his mother's favorite missionary, Grace Ferrall. What was the use of dragging in the sad old questions again, of repeating his assurances of good behavior, of reiterating his promises of moderation and watchfulness, of explaining his own self confidence? Better that the letter await his bedtime. His prayers would be the sincerer the fresher the impression, for he was old fashioned enough to say the prayers that an immature philosophy proved superfluous, for, he thought, if prayer is any use it takes only a few minutes to be on the safe side.

So he went downstairs leisurely, prepared to acquiesce in any suggestion from anybody, but rather hoping to saunter across Sylvia Landis' path before being committed.

She was standing beside the fire with Quarrier, one foot on the fender, apparently too preoccupied to notice him. So he strolled into the gunroom, which was blue with tobacco smoke and aromatic with the volatile odors from decanters.

There were a few women there, and the majority of the men, Lord Alderdene, Major Belwether and Mortimer, were at a table by themselves. Stacks of ivory chips and five cards spread in the center of the green explained the nature of their game, and Mortimer, raising his heavy inflamed eyes and seeing Siward unoccupied, said wheezily: "Cut out that 'widow' and give Siward his stack! Anything above two pairs for a jack triples the ante. Come on, Siward, there's a decent chap!"

So he seated himself for a sacrifice to the blind goddess balanced upon her winged wheel, and the cards ran high—so high that stacks dwindled or toppled within the half hour, and Mortimer grew redder and redder, and Major Belwether blander and blander, and Alderdene's face wore a continual nervous snicker, showing every white hound's tooth, and the ice in the tall glasses clinked ceaselessly.

It was late when Quarrier "sat in," with an expressionless acknowledgment of Siward's presence and an emotionless raid upon his neighbor's resources with the first hand dealt, in which he participated without drawing a card.

And always Siward, eyes on his cards, seemed to see Quarrier before him, his overmanicured fingers caressing his silky beard, the symmetrical pompadour dark and thick as the winter fur on a rat, tufting his smooth blank forehead.

It was very late when Siward first began to be aware of his increasing deafness, the difficulty, too, that he had in making people hear, the annoying contempt in Quarrier's womanlike eyes. He felt that he was making a fool of himself, very noiselessly somehow, but with more racket than he expected when he miscalculated the distance between his hand and a decanter.

It was time for him to go unless he chose to ask Quarrier for an explanation of that sneer which he found distasteful. But there was too much noise, too much laughter.

Besides, he had a matter to attend to—the careful perusal of his mother's letter to Mrs. Ferrall.

Very white, he rose. After an indeterminate interval he found himself entering his room.

The letter was in the dresser. Several things seemed to fall and break, but he got the letter, sank down on the bed's edge and strove to read—set his teeth grimly, forcing his blurred eyes to a focus. But he could make nothing of it, nor of his toilet either, nor of Ferrall, who came in on his way to bed, having noticed the electricity still in full glare over the open transom, and who straightened out matters for the stunned man lying face downward across the bed, his mother's letter crushed in his nerveless hand.

(Continued next week.)

THE NEGRO AS A FARMER.

In 1900 no less than 746,717 farms, 38,233,933 acres, 59,741 square miles—just the area of England and Wales, or double that of Scotland—were owned or tenanted by Negroes in the United States, who forty years previously owned nothing.

Those embraced in the Southern Central States, 27.2 per cent of all the farms; in the South Atlantic States, 30 per cent; in the Southern States—Florida, 33 per cent; Georgia, 39.9 per cent; Alabama, 42 per cent; Louisiana, 50.2 per cent, and Mississippi, 55 per cent.

The Negroes have more farms in Louisiana and Mississippi than white men, but they are less in area than the farms of white men.

When we come to farms in the hands of owners we find that in the twelve Southern States Negro landlords in 1900 owned 173,352 farms, and the aggregate wealth of the Negroes was $300,000,000. The race that owned not an acre of land forty years ago is now possessor as landlords of an area larger than Belgium and Holland combined, and rapidly increasing.

PADUCAH, KY.

The Rollerway Rink has a large attendance and good management. ...Misses Cartwright and Burks entertained the leap year party at the Odd Fellows' Hall on February 5, and it was quite a swell affair... Mrs. J. W. Egester is improving from a five weeks' illness...E. M. Willis, D. G. M., returned home from a three weeks' visit to the lodges in the western part of the State...Dr. C. A. Isbell is the oldest doctor in the city and is busy night and day.

Lest we forget, remember the Brownsville, Tex., "incident."

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It is all right to "turn over a new leaf" on New Year's Day, but what you want to do is, pin it down so it will not blow back and show the reader your last year's pages.

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Then, upon second thought, you need not care, if the last year's record is good; then upon third thought if a "reform" must be started once a year, why not start it on your birthday instead of New Year's Day?

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Speaking of pages, here is a page of last year's history of the United States. It is one of the dark pages:

Following is the comparative number of lynchings for two years:

STATE.	1907.	1906.
Alabama	13	5
Arkansas	3	4
Colorado	—	1
Florida	—	6
Georgia	6	9
Indian Territory	2	1
Iowa	1	—
Kentucky	1	3
Louisiana	8	9
Maryland	2	1
Mississippi	12	13
Missouri	—	3
Nebraska	1	—
North Carolina	—	5
Oklahoma	2	—
South Carolina	1	5
Tennessee	1	2
Texas	3	6
Totals	56	73

The offenses for which these humans were forced to give up their lives range from stealing seventy-five cents and talking to white girls over a telephone, to rape and murder of wife and son. Following were the offenses charged, with the number lynched:

For being father of boy who jostled white woman	1
For being victor over white man in fight	1
Attempted murder	5
Murder of wife	1
Murder of husband and wife	1
Murder of wife and stepson	1
Murder of mistress	1
Manslaughter	10
Accessory to murder	1
Rape	8
Attempted rape	11
Raping own stpedaughter	1
For being wife and son of a raper	2
Protecting fugitive from posse	1
Talking to white girl over telephone	1
Expressing sympathy for mob's victim	3
Three-dollar debt	2
Stealing seventy-five cents	1
Insulting white man	1
Store burglary	3

The lynchings took place in seventeen States and one Territory, Iowa, Oklahoma and Nebraska being the additions to last year's list. Alabama jumped from five in 1906 to thirteen in 1907.

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Still, in the face of these facts, if we believe in the constitution of the United States, and the constitutions of the several States of these United States, we are at this writing living in the most progressive and just country in the known world.

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We are in a country that says: "A man must be tried by a jury of his peers," not by "Judge Lynch" or the "New (?) South."

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I have just had the pleasure to review the Southern Teacher's Advocate, Lexington, Ky. It is a high-class, progressive magazine of the race, and should be read by every Afro-American school teacher in the United States. If you are a teacher, and not a subscriber to this magazine, write to Monroe & Monroe, publishers, 118 North Broadway, Lexington, Ky., for a sample copy.

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Bro. Mott Lewis, editor of the Star of Newport News, sounds the battle cry in his leading editorial of January 11, in which he says we must "get together" politically this fall and vote to elect a President who will see, as far as his executive power goes, that this is not only in name, but in reality, a country of the people, by the people and for the people.

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The colored citizens of the Fourth and Fifth Congressional Districts of New York were aroused to action by this editorial and are working to arouse the colored voters all over New York State with the hope that the voters of color in the States of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and West Virginia will also be aroused to see the need of independent political action on the part of the colored voters in the interest of the desirable colored citizens of these United States.

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A Glut on the Market.

With glib tongue, pliant and warm,
With gestures beaming with grace,
An orator stood on an orator's throne,
Giving advice to his race:
'Twas glib, glab, glab,
From the time the tickets were sold,
Then glab, glib, glab,
Till the tellers had counted the gold.
The market is glutted with "great colored men,
All ready and willing to teach;
But we, as a people, stand greatly in need
Of leaders to *practice,* not preach.

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"Sme Day When Dreams Come True"

Every desirable citizen of the United States, black or white, regardless of "race, color or previous condition of servitude," will enjoy all the constitutional rights, and be able to cast one free vote and have that vote counted.

Wm. J. Bryan will cease to be the "logical" Democratic candidate for President and refuse to run.

You will have the pleasure of reading Afro-American newspapers and magazines without the mistakes of the type-stickers overlooked by the proofreaders (!).

You will see every yearly subscriber to The Freeman paid up for the year and all back debts of subscribers paid up to date.

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B. SQUARE.

NEW YORK CLUB SCORES THE SOUTH.

White Republicans Will Aid Negro In His Demand for Rights.

The report of the committee on the state of the country of the New, York Republican Club (white), which was adopted as an addess, contains the following:

"The Southern whites, now in absolute control, are determined to prevent the Negroes from voting, even if fraud, intimidation and murder continue to be necessary to accomplish it, while the Negroes are growing in their determination to secure the rights guaranteed to them by the construction of the United States

"Let us recall to our fellow citizens that the great Franklin said: 'You may take away the ballot from the rich and strong, for they can get along without it, but you must never take it from the poor and weak, for that is their one defense in a republic.'

"With the exercise of the voting power comes everything—freedom, manhood, rights, proper consideration, protection for life, property and the family—yes, protection for the wives and daughters of black men. The astonishing facts in this connection are that colored men have been charged with assaulting white women, and have been lynched for it, but who ever heard of white men being lynched or punished for assaulting colored women, and it would seem that this latter happens far more frequently than the first.

"Furthermore, a black man who repels an insult to his wife or sister in some sections of our land does it at the peril of his life,a nd the colored woman who resents insults from white men does so at the peril of her life. Recently in Rome, Ga., a white man shot a Negro woman who resented his attentions. His bail was fixed at $100. Commenting on this, the Vicksburg American says:

"'This short item presents the whole of the Negro's side of the race problem in a nutshell. It is the logical outcome of the determination of the whites to demand all and give nothing. We condemned the Negroes for immorality; we preach sermons and write editorials about the duty of the race to elevate itself, and answer with the shotgun when they try to do so. One of our favorite preachments to them is that the morality of its women is the cornerstone of a race's excellence, and yet the Negro woman, pursued or insulted by a white man, must submit or run the risk of being shot down.'

"While this evil is rapidly gaining ground in the South, we must not shut our eyes to the fact that this prejudice against the colored man appears to be growing stronger in some sections of the North.

"In Arkansas recently two young colored girls were killed by white men because they had slapped a white boy's face.

"What can be done to eradicate this race hatred and prejudice against color? We realize the difficulty that all people have had since the earliest records in dealing with race hatreds. This difficulty is increased because it has no reason, no conscience; it is rooted and imbedded in injustice.

"We must strike, not timorously and apologetically, but openly and frankly, at race discrimination and hatred wherever they show themselves, remembering ever that race hatred grows rapidly and that its ferociousa nd barbaric spirit must be exterminated.

"We call on all citizens, and especially the foreign born, to join in the demand that the constitution to which they have sworn allegiance, shall be observed by all.

"We demand the enforcement of the constitution, especially that the 14th and 15th amendments be obeyed now. These forbid the United States or any State to limit or take away the right of suffrage by reason of race, color or previous conditions of servitude, and if suffrage is taken away, the State so doing shall have its representation in congress proportionately reduced."

FLORENCE, ALA.

This week is going to be an interesting one among the colored people of this section...The anniversary sermon of the Congregational church was held Sunday, February 9, 1908, and although it rained and the weather was very bad there was a large attendance, that greeted the A. M. E. pastor, whose delivered a short sermon...M. H. Leath, the pastor of the A. M. E. Church, is fast gaining many friends in this community... The pastor of the Congregational Church, Rev. J. R. McLean, is going to give a social supper for the members of the church on Monday night at the church....The young ladies' club, named the Heart and Hand, gave a valentine entertainment at the St. Mark Baptist Church Friday night...Miss Hattie Hamer, one of the teachers of Burrell Normal School, was very ill last week, but is better.

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I came, I saw, I conquered.—William Jennings Bryan.

Evidently Japan does not want a war, and we are not looking for trouble; of course, the thing is impossible as the Japanese Ambassador says it is.

The most beautiful snow, the kind that poets rave about, was with us this week. Most of us are in no sentimental mood this year. Panics and snow do not spell content.

Booker T. Washington's address in Washington, D. C., on the Douglass memorial occasion, was masterly; perhaps a greater attempt has not been known of Mr. Washington.

One blue bird does not mean summer, nor will one false note break up an orchestra. We will think the same of our financial concerns, holding that there's going to be exceptions to rules as long as the world stands.

Don't forget that Rev. Dr. E. W. S. Hammond will be the Presidentf S. Hammond will be the Frederick Douglass lay orator at Tomlinson Hall, Sunday, February 23, meeting under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. Doors open at 2:30 p. m.

Next to Speaker Cannon, the favorite son of Illinois, Hon. Chas. W. Fairbanks is our choice for President—The Illinois Idea, Chicago.

If the remaining portion of the State see it that way, the Fairbanks people will not expect more.

Mr. Bryan would have made equally as great a churchman as he is a politician. He showed up in that light to great advantage while in Indianapolis. Vast crowds thronged everywhere he had appointments to see and hear the eloquent man whose fame fills all the land. And yet some predicted a few years ago that this man would go the way of the other defeated candidates of the Democratic party.

In speaking of Abraham Lincoln, a prominent white minister of Indianapolis had the following to say: "It was agony for others that brought him to his knees, and made him a man of prayer; it was love for, and justice toward, others which led him to know and to trust the love and justice of God. We desire to show this morning that that principle is still true. The cause of human rights and justice for the black man is a vital one and sufficiently great to challenge the moral sense and convictions.

T. Thomas Fortune is out in his Fortune's Freeman in all of his oldtime vigor. The many excellent things said of Mr. Fortune during his supposed retirement holds good. The prevailing feeling was that he was a little strong, and along that line he certainly made good in his initial number. The matter by Mr. Fortune is pleasing and entertaining, nothwithstanding its snappishness. The publication as a whole, looks good, and, since it is not an expensive proposition, it ought to go. There are those who like what Mr. Fortune says, and because of the way he says things; they do not care for fine prints and superfluous paper; they want to hear the twang of the Fortune Whip. These he will count on; the publication ought to win.

Calmness, appearing an example to First in peace, the first in war, the first in the hearts of his countrymen is what we love to think of George Washington. He was ideal of his day as others seemed to have been born especially for their day, Lincoln, Douglass and others. We love to think of the Washington calmness, appearing an example to kings in a sort of dignity that grew right out of his simplicity,a nd if there were not great difference between the two qualities. One thinks of the first President in this day as after the manner of kings in demeanor, as they are supposed to be at his best; such a king as Elizabeth was a queen, the model type of the ruler of a monarchy and after which manner of rulers Washington patterned his life. He shook not the earth—our Washington, but moved as a being of higher order, lest to guide and bless his "turmoiling" world, for a little while, setting it right, then passing it to others for conservation—for keeping.

IN MEMORY OF DOUGLASS.

Keeping green the memory of Frederick Douglass is a part of our obligations, moral obligations, as is the custom of civilized nations, and indeed is a part of their civilization. Civilization would not be what it is to-day, if the great of all times had thought that those that followed them, took their places, benefited by what they wrought, would appropriate it all without credit or mention. It would also appear selfish if men so conducted their lives as to simply win the plaudits of posterity, or in the effort to win the approbation of men. Indeed if that were the enda nd aim, varity and the ego would so dominate that such a man would fall far short of his design; for as much as he would have posterity think well of him, he will be yet earnest, devoted to his calling, knowing nothing beyond his work, so to speak; impressing those of his day with his qualities, enthusiasm, earnestness and ability. These conditions cared for, he will live in the memory of those that come after him. Posterity delights to own and honor such a man.

In thinking of the late lamented Frederick Douglass in the light of the foregoing, we feel to do his memory but simple justice. Very little he thought of what the world might say of Frederick Douglass. There was no special thought or program of his early activities; he was found battling away in the cause of the demolition of slavery—where and when every act was noble. We cling to the tenet that men can not commit crimes or do wrong when enlisted in the cause of their own personal freedom. Some such feeling fired the soul of Frederick Douglass, the slave. His unusual environments presenting opportunities for learning did not tend to reconcile him to his condition; it taught him the distance between himself and other men; he could not understand it—would not stand for it. Surely he had no thought as to how re would srine in ristory. Nor was re selfish. Just as soon as re saw his way clear after escaping slavery, he took on his sroulders tre burdens of ris fellowmen, resting nigrt, nor day, until finis was written to tre chapter on Negro slavery in America.

Indeed Douglass did not wait to be secure in his freedom; he was yet a slave de jure, by the laws of the land; his activities spread his name, or the knownedge of him, endangering his freedom; he fled to Great Britain, where he yet talked the gospel of abolition, and where finally his purchase price was raised before he dared to set his foot on his native soil. On returning to America he found his place among the small band of plotters in liberty's name. He made his home in Rochester, New York, where he started his Frederick Douglass paper, the pioneer Negro publication of America. Thus before the war this great man passed through the vicissitudes of Negro life as it is best known to-day, singly, alone. He was politician, abolitionist, statesman, editor, lecturer in the most acceptable sense when we yet languished as bondmen in the lap of "Egypt." His paper circulated in England as well as America and, of course, among the white people; his lectures were before white men. In fact, whatever he did was before those of the white race, and who in the most part pronounced it good.

Will we do well to honor such a man? We think so. He took very little thought of Frederick Douglass, but consecrated himself ot his work, joined that God-like set, Lovejoy, Garrison, Phillips, Whittier, and with it fought in the face of death—with it was mobbed and persecuted in our name. O, most truly they loved us, and we must try to love them, too, and especially that shaggy numidian lion that strove unmated in all the world.

We in this day love to think of Frederick Douglass as great in his day, not thinking very much of that day. We try to class with our immediate forbears, attempting to judge him accordingly; it is all wrong. He was great in anybody's day. Ie has not been so long since his voice was husheda nd that giant frame humbled to the earth. Many there are who will vouch for his classic utterances, his lofty thoughts, his lordly bearing as if of some extinct race—the last of his line. Fortunate were they to see and hear, for after the immortal bard of Avon; his likes will not soon be seen. Again: What shall we not do to honor such a man?

If we are poor in resources, we are yet rich in love; "millionaries in tears," sweet love symbols and never failing signs; if not of the eyes, then of the heart shut up from vulgar sight, laying prone, prostrate on his "tomb" at will—our richest sacrifice. But we can demonstrate outwardly, testifying sincerely as he was sincere, void of mockish show, honoring the sanctity locked up in his life and suffering. As often as we do this we show forth a love. As he has shown unto us.

WANT TROOPERS RESTORED.

Colored Bishops Pass Resolutions Demanding Vindication.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Resolutions demanding the restoration to the army of the colored troops dismissed as the result of the Brownsville affair were adopted at a mass meeting here after addresses by Bishops R. L. Turner of Atlanta and W. D. Chappelle of Nashville and other leaders of the colored race. Fifteen States having a large Negro population were represented.

The resolutions further urge colored voters everywhere to qualify for the franchise, participate in primaries and conventions and "cast their ballots for Senator Foraker or men who, like him, have stood up manfully against the most powerful influence in defense of the rights of these men, who had imperilled their lives in the service of our common country."

COLORED REGIMENT RETURNS.

Philippine Assignment Ends and Twenty-fourth Leaves for Home.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—A cable message was received at the War Department today from Gen. Wood, commanding the Philippine division, saying that the transport Sherman sailed from Manila on Feb. 15 for San Francisco with the Twenty-fourth Regiment of Infantry (colored), 175 casuals, seventeen sick and eighteen prisoners.

The Twenty-fourth Infantry is under orders to take station at Madison Barracks and Ft. Ontario in Northern New York. The regiment is in command of Col. Daniel Brush, who has just been nominated as a brigadier general to succeed Gen. C. E. L. B. Davis, who was retired Monday. The Twenty-fourth Regiment has served in the Philippines for more than three years, the allotted time for that assignment.

FLORENCE, ALA.

A. J. Hough and Miss Nora Lee Hey, one of the most charming young ladies of this city, were married this week...The memorial exercises of Abraham Lincoln were held in the Burrel Normal Chapel Sunday at 3 p. m. The speakers of the evening were Mr. White, the principal, who has done great work for the institute, and who in another term hopes to enlarge the scholarship to about 300 or 400; C. M. Jackson, our grocer merchant, and Joseph Coffee, one of the most prominent business men of our vicinity...Rev. L. J. Green, the pastor of St. Mark's Baptist Church, is very ill at his residence on Alabama street...Miss Minnie Winfield, our secretary of the Baptist Sunday school, performes her duty very nicely. Rev. L. J. Green, the superintendent, being ill, he was succeeded by Miss Roberson, one of the teachers of Burrell Normal School. She performed her duty as though she had been in the work all the time, and the scholars are pleased very much with her at both places, church and college...Miss Hattie Hamer, one of the teachers of Burrel School, who has been very ill, is gradually recovering.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

Those who take The Freeman by the week kindly have your money ready when the paper comes...Mrs. Mack, Mr. Ford, Mr. Reuben Smith Sr., Mrs. Kelly of Ellsworth avenue are on the sick list...Rev. Evans is preparing a special service for the hotel men in the near future...The installation of officers of Arnett Chapel will take place Sunday evening, March 1...Mrs. Leveal was taken to the Tuberculosis Sanitarium for treatment...Miss Marguerite Goings is preparing a musical to be given on Sunday afternoon in the near future...Invitations are out for a birthday party to be given in honor of Miss Walker, who is the guest of Mrs. Gilbert on Monday, Feb. 24...The Christian Endeavor Society of Arnett Chapel will meet hereafter in the lecture room at 6:30 p. m. The topic will be led Sunday, Feb. 23, by Mr. Pennelton. The president, Robert Cross, extends a welcome to all to come and make the league a success. Topic, "Acquainted With God," Job 22:21, 22...The Women's Loyal Bible League, whose praiseworthy object is to establish a home for our girls who come to this city as strangers seeking employment, will hold their first State fair March 10, 11 and 12. This promises to be a novel affair. Notice will be given later...Mrs. Collins made a flying visit to Hastings last week to meet the Packwell Concert Company of Boston, Mass., who were filling an engagement there...Mrs. Alex Brown went to St. Mary's Hospital Sunday evening to undergo a serious operation...Mrs. Calvin Grayson is preparing to give a Chinese laundry and chicken pie social in the Odd Fellows' Hall March 6. Proceeds are to pay for the piano in Arnett Chapel Sunday school...The two Kelly children of Ellsworth avenue were taken to St. Mary's Hospital. Both are sick with pneumonia...John Johnson Brainard was called to Lockport, N. Y., to attend the funeral of his mother...Dr. Beckham will deliver a lecture in Messiah Baptist Church March 4. The Baptist Literary Society meets each Wednesday evening. All are invited...Roland Burton went to Zeeland last Tuesday to hear the Mississippians. Reuben Smith and Burt Jones are meeting with success.

B. BURTON.

CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

The Queen City has been in mourning for the past few days. Business is dull at present, but prospects are brighter. The doctors and undertakers are the most popular gentlemen of our city at present; they are doing a land office business...Boyd Johnson, one of Clarksville's old reliable citizens and teamster for the firm of Grocie Bros 35 years, deid on the 11th of dropsy. His funeral was conducted by Revs. Stokes and Metcalf at St. John's Church...Mrs. Vicie Oakley, the wife of Freeman Oakley, who died on the 30th with pneumonia, died on the 14th with pneumonia also. Her funeral was conducted by Revs. Gardner and Rye at St. Peter's A. M. E. Church...The Foraker and Fairbanks sentiments grow stronger every day here among our voters. We heartily indorse Dr. Flaggs of Nashville, Tenn., and Rev. S. L. Carrothers of Washington, D. C., for the stand they have taken in politics for the defense of our people. We are glad to see the morning light breaking upon our traitors and allowing us to see them as they are, so that we may know them. Every truehearted man and woman is crying, "Down with the false leaders and traitors of their race!" We need more fearless men in the defense of right...Our race has another star, Frank Loftiest of Nashville, who is in the city killing chickens for the Nanie Spillers Company. He is said to be the champion chicken killer in the South. Mr. Loftiest's record is three chickens killed and picked a minute...The Madison Square Club gave their Valentine banquet at the Masonic Hall...The young people's band entertainment and banquet given at Buck's Hall on the 21st was an assured success. All of their tickets were sold before the doors opened. The ladies' orchestra furnished the music for the occasion...Some of the wealthiest young citizens are planning a co-operative company to open a colored opera house. We hope they will have much success...John Oakley has returned to St. Louis...Richard Johnson arrived from St. Louis on a visit to his parents...Richard Bibb of Louisville is here visiting his parents...Rev. W. H. C. Stoaks and Whyle Johnson are recovering from a spell of illness...Sam Garnett has recovered from the lagrippe...Mrs. Minnie Ross, Mrs. Harriet Proudy, Mrs. Eliza Grizard and Mrs. Hattie Williams are ill with lagrippe...Little Davie Steele, who brings you The Freeman, would like for all of his customers that are in arrears to please pay up the balance due him for The Freeman. The Freeman can be obtained at Steele, White and Barker's barber shop.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL.

The Ladies' Art Club met recently with Rev. and Mrs. Goff on East Washington St...The revival meetings which have been going on at the Second Christian Church on Anna street are proving quite a success. There has been several additions...Born to Mr. and Mrs. Chester Brooks of South West street recently, a fine son...Mrs. Stone and Miss Cliota Dealy are slowly improving from their illness...Mrs. W. M. Cooper and little Albert were visiting friends in the country recently...Mr. Samuel Abbington is some better, and also Mrs. Clara Edwards...Guy Washington of West State street has been quite ill, but is some better now...Miss Etta Stewart, who graduated last year at the high school and who is attending college in Ohio, is doing some good college work...The revival meetings which have been going on at the Bethel A. M. E. Church, conducted by Miss Nora Taylor, the evangelist, are proving quite a success. There being sixteen additions...Lucile Stewart continue ill...Miss Anna McDonald f West College avenue has been very ill, but is some better...Mrs. John Easley of East Chamber street has been sick with a severe cold...Mrs. Samuel Rhodes of South East street has returned home after being at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Harris, in Quincy, Ill...Mrs. Matilda Smith left recently for Louisiana, Mo., on account of the illness of her mother...The St. Valentine party and masquerade given Friday night, Feb. 14, at New Armory Hall was largely attended and a good success. Music was furnished by Mallory Brothers Orchestra. The grand march at 10:30 was fine. Nearly everybody was masked. Walter Patterson acted as floor manager. Refreshments were served in the beautiful banquet room in the city. This was given by officers and members of Company L, Eighth Infantry...The flower drill given Feb. 14 at the K. of P. Hall was fairly well attended...Frank Mallory received a telegram recently stating that his brother was seriously ill in Chicago, Ill. He left to be at his bedside...Mrs. Louisa Johnson left recently for Paris, Mo., to live.

PARIS, KY.

Those having items for publication in this column must condense same as much as possible..."Chick" Pipper, who died Feb. 8, was buried at Oakland Cemetery Feb. 10. Rev. Webster of the First Baptist Church officiated...A brass band is now being organized for the grand order of Elks. W. T. Cherry, conductor...Mrs. Annie Huffman of Newtown is out again after a brief illness...Prof. Will Baker, dancing master, will conduct a dancing class every Thursday evening at the Eureka skating rink. The public is invited...Mrs. May Duffer Spencer is ill at her home. Call and see her...The Rev. Quarles delivered one of his master sermons at the Liberty Baptist Church last Sunday...Alonzo Williams, one of Paris leading society young gentlemen, will spend several days in Cincinnati with his many friends...Prof. S. C. Elliott, who recently closed with the Byrd's Big Sensation Comedy Company at Lexington, Ky., was in the city a few days ago. He will start for Jacksonville, Fla., the first of March to take charge of Pat Chapple's band. Mr. Elliott is a qualified musician with a promising future...Mrs. Mattie L. Rice of Newtown was called to Lexington last Saturday, her uncle being very ill...Steve Moore of Chicago is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Agie Jackson, of High street...Cherry and Elliott send regards to Sank Sims of Knoxville, Tenn...When hungry, call at the Laghorne Cafe, West Eighth street. Mrs. Laghorn, proprietress...Jack Williams, Clarence Ayers, Sunny Buckner, Bishop McClenlan, Wilson Parker and Aurther are reinstated at the skating rink and are having a swell time...Ernest Small and Miss Sarah Davis Williams are to be united in marriage March 17, 1908...Corlin Miller is on the sign painters' list now...John Bedford of Paris, Ky., and Miss Ethel Dudley of Columbus, O., were married recently. Lunch was served at 11:30 and a swell time was had till 5 o'clock the next morning...Jim Stout has sharpened his hatchet and ground his saw for spring carpenter work...Woodford Smith and Corbina Clay went fishing Friday and had a fine trip...Thomas Steele is still at his old stand at the Elk shining parlor on Main street, and wishes for all his friends to call and see him...Corbin Miller and John Bedford and Will Buckner gave a dance in Winchester Monday evening and had a large crowd from Paris, Mt. Sterling, Cynthiana and Carlisle, Ky...Jas. Macon, who does an enormous business in Clayville, now occupies his new palatial residence, the finest in that part of the erty, costing three thousand dollars...French Thompson, who is proprietor of the Thompson's Bar and Pool Rooms, is the only colored gentleman in the city conducting a prosperous business of this kind on Main street...Get The Freeman corner Eighth and Main streets, Albert Miller's Cafe, 5 cents per copy...Mrs. B. C. Current's restaurant on High street is the place to appease your appetite...Mr. Frank Jones, one of the leading business men in Clayville, also in Eastern Kentucky, has added to his enormous stock of staple and fancy groceries one of the finest soda water fountains in the city. Call and see it.

A PLEA FOR THE NEGRO.

REV. JOSHUA STANSFIELD ON THE RACE QUESTION

A "SQUARE DEAL" IS DEMANDED.

The Doctor Prefaced his Sermon at the Meridian Street M. E. Church Last Sunday Morning with a Few Pointed Remarks.

The Rev. Joshua Stansfield prefaced his sermon at the Meridian Street Methodist Church Sunday morning with a short talk on the Negro question, in which he pleaded for better conditions for the colored race. He said in part:

"In our Lincoln day sermon of last Sunday morning at least two things were emphasized as touching that peerless American. First, his fine native moral sense, which, with his characteristic honesty, led to a noble and sustained heroism. Second, he linked his life to a great moral cause, a cause of human justice, the freedom of the slave.

"It was agony for others that brought him to his knees, and made him a man of prayer; it was love for, and justice toward, others which led him to know and to trust the love and justice of God. We desire to show this morning that that principle is still true. The cause of human rights and justice for the black man is a vital one and sufficiently great to challenge the moral sense and convictions.

A Necessary Blunder.

"It is forty-five years since the emancipation. Four and one-half million inferiors cut loose from their past, and thrown upon the world penniless, ignorant and helpless, a helplessness begotten of hundreds of years of slavery. A 'great blunder,' does some one say? for there are those both of the South and of the North, Democrats and Republicans, who now speak thus: Well, if to give the Negro his freedom and the franchise were a blunder, it was, shall we say, a necessary blunder. Both emancipation and the franchise were given not for the Negroes' but for the nation's sake. It was not so much a racial as a national necessity. The explanation of the fifteenth amendment was in the prevalent feeling that it was necessary to keep the nation in the hands of the party that had secured and who stood for the Union.

"Think of the increase of the people! In 1865 there were four and a half millions; in 1880, 6,580,793; in 1900, 8,840,789—nearly nine millions. What an increase! and not by immigration, but by native growth. Think of it—an increase of 34 per cent in twenty years' time. These people, brought here, however wrongly, are now in America by native right, and they are here to stay. The problem is not to be solved by either deportation or denunciation, but by education and humanization; education on their side, humanization on ours. If this increase continues, the question may ere long be 'Not what shall we do with the Negro, but what will he do with us?'

Progress of the Negro.

"These brothers in black are proving their humaneness by their improvement. In an address before the Philosophical Society in Edinburg last September, Andrew Carnegie stated that in 1870 there were 1,632,475 Negro males of voting age, and of these 862,248 were illiterate, or 85.5 per cent. In 1900 there were 2,060,302 men of voting age, and 976,610 were illiterate or 47.4 per cent, a decrease of 36 per cent of illiterates.

"We are told that there are among them 100,000 professional people, ministers, physicians, lawyers and teachers. In our own church, our Freedmen's Aid Society has forty-six schools, valued at nearly $2,000,000, with 648 teachers and 12,200 students. This work was started one year after the war. There have been 300,000 pupils in the schools; 12,000 have gone out as Negro teachers, and 3,000 as ministers.

Owns 5,000 Homes.

"President Roosevelt, in an address in Washington last November at Howard University, said that the Negro now holds $350,000,000 of taxable property in America and owned 500,000 homes, and we may add, were he not so shamefully discriminated against in our Northern cities he would own many more. It is as pitiable as it is shameful, that he is forced into Negro quarters in our cities where civic protection, privileges and rights are at a minimum, and where often he must pay a rental out of all proportion to the property investment, and many of the more industrious, educated and ambitious are compelled to bring up their children in such conditions, although they are desirous and able to rent or purchase something better, but they are denied the right solely on account of color.

"Again: After opportunity for education in our public schools, should they by merit take such honor as in recent oratorical contests, it is withdrawn and given to a white person, who justly should have second place: and worse again, if, after fullest preparation in manual training, a boy shall show unusual aptitude as an artisan, he and all the rest of his race must be debarred from learning a trade or following a trade by the unjust, arbitrary and inhuman edicts of organized labor.

"How can we expect a people to come to its best when every worthy ambition is battered back and every advance challenged and choked? Such attitude and conduct toward inferiors is cruel, and we plead today for a Christian attitude, a more fair and just treatment, for these brothers in black, who upon every consideration call for a fair opportunity and 'a square deal.'"

NEGRO BANKERS' MEETING.

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for fifty shares ($50.00). The committee transacted much important business. To say the least, the oil mill is a popular enterprise among all classes of people, and the financial leaders of the race in Mississippi have resolved that it must be built. Those desiring information concerning the oil mill may receive it by addressing Rev. A. A. Cosey, secretary, Mound Bayou, Miss.

NATIONAL NEGRO BANKERS ASSOCIATION TAKES BLUFF CITY BY STORM.

February 3 and 4, the National Negro Bankers Association, pursuant to call of President W. R. Pettiford, convened in Memphis, Tenn. The meeting, coming as it did right on the heels of the financial panic, meant much to the Negro bankers and the race generally.

The sessions were held in Church's Auditorium. The meeting was called to devise ways and means whereby the Negro banks of the country may be of benefit to each other. Questions pertaining to technical banking composed the program of the meeting. The experiences of the Negro banks in weathering the panic proved to be one of the most interesting features of the meeting. When the fact was brought out that none of the Negro banks found it necessary to use clearing house certificates or cashier's checks and only a few limited withdrawals, the large audience cheered to the echo. The annual address of President W. R. Pettiford of Birmingham, Ala., was a masterly presentation of the possibilities of the Negro financier. His expression, "The man who controls your money will dictate where you must stand," was taken up as the keynote of the meeting.

The meeting was an eye opener to the many who had looked upon the Negro banker with a skeptical eye, for after attending the sessions and listening to these Negroes discuss difficult subjects pertaining to their vocation, they were convinced that they knew their business.

Strong addresses were delivered by Mr. Chas. Banks, cashier of the Bank of Mound Bayou, Mound Bayou, Miss.; Rev. H. H. King, president of the Penny Savings Bank, Yazoo City, Miss.; W. E. Mollison, president of the Lincoln Savings Bank, Jackson, Miss.; J. T. Settles, attorney for the Solvent Savings Bank and Trust Company of Memphis, Tenn.; R. C. Houston, president Provident Bank and Trust Company, Ft. Worth, Tex., and J. H. McConico, secretary of the Association and assistant cashier of the Capital City Savings Bank, Little Rock, Ark.

The meeting adjourned to meet in Baltimore, Md., next August in connection with the National Negro Business League.

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annum. She stood at the head of the eligible list and is reported to possess exctptional ability for the work to which she has been assigned. There are several colored employees in this office, among them two expert draughtsmen, Messrs. Woodson and Cook.

Hon. J. Milton Turner of St. Louis, and Lawyer A. W. G. Sango of Muskogee, Okla., are here in the interest of Indian claims, Mr. Turner representing the Cherokee tribes, and Mr. Sango the Creeks.

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The Big Creation Musical Comedy Company, a theatrical organization very much on the order of Mahara's Minstrels, has been formed in Washington by Coleman L. Minor, until recently a star performer with the Mahara party, leaving that company here at his home just after Christmas. The initial public entertainment was given on the 11th at True Reformers' Hall, and a decided hit was scored. Mr. Minor won repeated encores on his comic songs "If You Don't Change Your Way of Livin'" and duplicated Tim Owsley's success, "I Ain't As Foolish As I Look to Be." The company takes the road this week, playing Virginia and Maryland during the next month or so. The official staff is as follows: Coleman L. Minor, manager; Townsend Adams, stage carpenter; William Glenn, property manager. Mr. Minor calls it "A Show With the Vim."

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Mr. Ernest P. Jones, proprietor of the well-known Brunswick Hotel, was united in marriage with Miss Rebecca Jefferson, formerly of Richmond, Va. Mr. Jones is an energetic young business man and is estimated to be worth $75,000. The Brunswick is one of the oldest hostelries operated by colored people in the District of Columbia.

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A seperate W. C. T. U. has been organized by the several local temperance organizations, with Mrs. Sterling N. Brown as president. It is said that the white union intimated that a seperate organization to include all the colored women would be desirable.

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Prof. Kelly Miller has been made dean of the College Department of Howard University, and he has taken hold of the work with a vim that betokens excellent results.

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A bill has been introduced in Congress asking that an appropriation of $8,000 be allowed, for the purpose of placing the salaries of several underpaid professors on an equitable basis.

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Former Chaplain T. G. Steward, sometime pastor of the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church of this city, lectured on "The Question Stated" Friday evening.

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An imposing banquet in honor of Auditor for the Navy Ralph W. Tyler is being projected, with Justice Robert H. Terrell as chairman of the committee on arrangements.

R. W. THOMPSON.

THE STAGE

Chris A. Norton of Scranton, Pa., sends regards to the profession.

W. H. H. Collins wishes to hear from Andrew Quinn, formerly of Harrison's Minstrels.

Andrew Asbury Copeland, who has been starring in the "Hottest Coon in Dixie," is now in New York.

Phil A. Miller of Chicago, manager of the Tennessee Jubilee Singers, is looking the field over in western Kansas.

Special subjects and stage literature by Sylvester Russell will hereafter appear weekly and exclusively in The Freeman.

The Original Carolinian Jubilee Singers, under the direction of W. R. Carter, are meeting with much success throughout the East.

E. B. Dudley, the musician, formerly with the Dandy Dixie Minstrels, will be at Darlington, S. C., during the summer season.

Sylvester Russell contributes a special article to the New York Clipper anniversary number whcih comes out on Washington's birthday.

The Beechums, Blanch and Chas., and the Garlands, Fred and Hattie, have signed with P. G. Lowery's Musical Enterprise for the coming season.

The Meredith Sisters appeared at the Union Square Theatre at New York last week. They are closing the act with a novelty song, "Novelty."

The Four Creole Belles — Sarah Green Byrd, Lucretia M. Knox, Alice Mackey and Georgia Harvey — are filling an engageemnt at London, Eng.

Actors are never stranded in Russia, because when a manager takes a company touring he must deposit with the Government enough money to bring all safely home.

J. H. Hamilton, the clever performer, is doing well at the Dixie Theatre, Memphis, Tenn. Mr. Hamilton is also handling the agency of The Freeman in that city.

Hattie Belle Cloyd has closed with the Big Sensation Company December 23, and is now at Cincinnati. She will travel this season with Heck's World Fair Pike Carnival.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Allen of the Smart Set Company wish to extend to Mrs. Maude Shelton their sympathy, coupled with the hope that her illness will be of short duration.

While the Smart Set company were at Piqua, O., last week, Miss Jennie Hillman made a short visit to Dayton, O., where she was the guest of her friend Mrs. Marion Smart Moore.

Howard McCarver, manager of the Southern Comedy Company, is very ill at Ft. Madison, Ia. His wife, who had just gone home, was sent for at once. Mr. McCarver wishes to hear from his brother, Billie McCarver.

Lulu Hodges Brown, wife of Harry A. Brown, will make her first appearance as a cartoonist with her husband, April 27. Mrs. Brown will bear the distinction of being the first and only woman cartoonist doing that line of work.

The American Jubilee Singers will sail for Europe Saturday afternoon at 3 p. m. on the vessel "California." Mr. Daniel W. Brown is the efficient manager. R. W. Jenkins of Pittsburg succeeds Mr. H. T. Jackson, one of the original singers.

Carita Day, who was the leading lady with Ernest Hogan's "Rufus Rastus" company of last season, and "The Oyster Man" of this, returns to vaudeville. Lykens and Levy are handling the act, which is built on the order of her former acts.

C. L. Crawford and J. E. McGarr are making good in their comical sketch "Going Sam" at the Gayoso Theatre, Atlanta, Ga. They are also composers of the late hit "Going Sam From Birmingham." They wish their friends an enormous success.

The Diamond Trio — Boyd, Wade and Toy — are now at colored Lyric Theatre, Dallas, Tex., leaving them screaming nightly. Kid Wade lost control of his automobile and hurt his partner, Boyd, very bad, but he is much better now and able to work. Regards to all in and out of the profession.

Frank Fowler Brown, who was seen in successful tenor roles in the "Rufus Rastus" Company last season, and who has been traveling in vaudeville during the present season, a member of the team of Brown and Brown, singer and cartoonist, has been compelled to retire from the stage on account of ill health.

Joseph Clark, who has been ill at his home at Louisville, is much improved, and sends regards to the profession. Mr. Clark has been engaged as manager of Col. John H. Whallen's "South Before the War" Company, which is booked to appear at White City Park, Louisville, Ky., the entire summer season.

Mrs. Patti Brown and Mrs. Martha B. Anderson sung at Bethel Church at Chicago Friday night of last week. The occasion being Douglay day, at which time Dr. Booker T. Washington made the address. Both ladies have excellent voices and made a big mit with the large audience. Mrs. Brown was formerly Miss Patsy Dean of Indianapolis.

Alice Edward, a performer, died at Chicago January 6 in Mary Thompson Hospital, where she was operated on for a tumor. She was 28 years old and had been with Lee Moses' "Coontown 400" company, but for the last four years she had been with Terry U. T. A. company's leading lady quartet. She was buried in Waldheim Cemetery, Chicago.

Mrs. Patterson of 1408 Lakeside avenue, Cleveland, O., entertained the following professional friends at a sumptuous dinner Sunday, February 16: The Watermelon Trust, Anderson and Goens, Harper, Hilliard and Desmond, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Carrington, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Johnson, Miss Alice Weaver, Miss Jennie Hillman, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Dudley, and Tom Logan.

Richard W. Shelton, the young Colorado boy comedian and imitator, is stopping over in the city of Scranton, Pa., helping the young men of Scranton stage their minstrel show that comes off in March. Mr. Shelton is a young performer who, it is said, has a bright road in front of him. He is of the Bert Williams school and is of the Shelton family of Denver, Colo., who are on their way East.

Harry Crosby of the team of the Crosbys is permanently situated in New York at Danny Bruce's Rathskeller, 317 West Thirty-ninth street, as floor manager, and has under his management the following talent: Miss Laura Turner of Ernest Hogan company, Miss Lizzie Taylor of Pekin Stock Company, Mr. Simons and Mr. Crutchfield of Philadelphia, Pa., and they are making good. Inspection cheerfully invited, especially the professional.

Fidler and Shelton, the popular novelty team, return to Chicago Feb. 17, opening at the Majestic Theatre. This makes an aggregate of several weeks that these popular entertainers have appeared in Chicago houses. The team has been featured since their last appearance in Chicago over the Western Circuit as principal subsidy to headliners, and have been sent to spots where the bills were weakest. Their press notices show that they have scored hevay wherever they have appeared.

WONDERLAND THEATRE.

This house is another place devoted to colored people under the management of J. J. Jeters. It is conducted in a high class manner and is doing a big business. Prof. Authur Calhoun is musical director assisted by Miss Cora Calhoun. Miss Robbie King is looking after the illustrated songs and her singing has won approval. There is also high class vaudeville connected with the house. Thus the city of Knoxville is very prond of her colored theaters. Regards to friends.

THE LINCOLN THEATRE.

For the first half of the week of „Advanced Vaudeville," Edward L. Howaad opened the olio with a silent monologue that more than pleased the patrons of the house. Mr. Howard has proven to the management that he is a high-class versatile artist, followed by the tribe of "Skatchawawa" an Indian love story by the company. Then came the Centers in a comedy sketch, the "Soldier Camp." which pleased every one. "College Students" by Dean, Gardner and Brown which was put on in a pleasing way.

That screaming comedy the "Kentucky Handicap" was the bill for the second half of the week, opening in the Palm Leaf Hotel one day just before the races at the Latonia race track, a winning card which he did. The Merry Howards, The Centers, Simms and Simms, Dean and Brown, Gardner and Lewis all cleaned up and have proven to the management that they make any bill a winner that Mr. Joplin wishes to put on and Mr. Joplin is more than pleased with his string of stars as they now stand at his Knoxville Theatre.

STAGE CLOTHES FOR POOR.

A well-known singer and actor at Paris received a pathetic little note the other day which read as follows: "Madam: Let me unfold my troubles to you. I am engaged here—a small country town—as leading lady in drama and comedy. My wardrobe comprises a few town dresses, but no wedding dress, and I must have a wedding dress for the play I am rehearsing, in which I appear as a bride in tehthird act, and which is billed for four days hence. I saw one the other day in a shop marked at 39f., but they would not let me have it on credit. I know well enough how I might get the dress, but I prefer not."

The writer not only got her wedding dress, but moved the actress to start a new and intelligent charitable enterprise. This is to provide poor actresses with stage dresses. The undertaking, supported by several stars, who have agreed to help by sending their own gowns once or twice worn, is already well under way. Every one who has been behind the scenes will appreciate the usefulness of this scheme.

THE PEKIN THEATRE.

The Talk of Chicago.

Much talk has been going the rounds about the progress of the new established Pekin Theatre. For the past three months comments have been made in other cities about whether the Pekin was closed or if it would be closed soon. Instead of such disastrous happenings, the management of the Pekin, by adding the Columbia, a beautiful little playhouse on the North Side, with 1,250 seating capacity, which opens February 23. This increases the acting list from thirty-eight to sixty-five. Aside from these people a regular staff of music directors, arrangers, producers, playwrights, dancing instructors, stage mechanics, two full orchestras and a general director, making a total of over ninety-five people.

The Pekin will now have a change of bill, also performers, each week, beginning Sunday matinee, as will also the Columbia.

The man that has made the word "Pekin" famous all over the world is now the talk of Chicago. No doubt people in other cities are waiting and watching to see the next move.

When you approach Mr. Motts now all you can hear is "Don't worry me now, I'm busy opening another house on the North Side." Then you turn to Mr. Green and his reply is "Don't look at me. I must have a new show ready to open Sunday matinee."

Raymond Lee, stage carpenter at the Pekin, will have charge of the mechanicals and settings at the opening performance of the Columbia Theatre next week, after which he will return to his old post at the Pekin.

All members of the Pekin Stock Company send best wishes to Miss Jennie Ringgold.

When Allie, Gillam reached Chicago last week he approached a cabman and said he wished to go out to Mr. Mott's theatre. The cabby thought for a moment and said: "Which one do you mean, the Columbia or the Pekin?"

ALBERTA CHRISTY.

THE SMART SET COMPANY.

Talk about idiosyncracies, whimsicalities and whims — there's not a company on the road that within its membership embraces as many and varied fads as the Smart Set company. For instance:

May York has a penchant for red soda water, while Ella Jones adores spare ribs. Tittle Cottman is happiest when shouting "Oh, Mr. Brown," and Lizzie Carrington is delighted when she tells "Woolie" all that transpires.

Little Matt Johnson finds a source of merriment in the school room scene, while Irene Trasker leans to Jamaica ginger as a solace.

Babe Brown delights in a mysterious location, and Daisy Collins is not satisfied until she inspects every stopping place on the call before she locates.

Rebecca Roper has a weakness for making five-minute shirtwaists, but Alberta Ormes reaps her greatest joy when making pajamas for Sherman Dudley Jr.

Josephine Lazzo delights in saving the coin of the realm, yet Luvenia Williams persists in buying a new Taylor trunk every six months.

Jennie Pearl prefers rubbers to shoes, and Jennie Hillman yells for bundles. Hattie Burris keeps apace with the latest ideas in hairdressing, and Fannie Allen yearns for high-heel shoes.

Alice Weaver glories in sweet milk and beer as an admixture, and Rose Lee Tyler stores wardrobe in South Chicago.

George Day screams "Chicago," Frank Montgomery wants all the nails in the dressing-room, and Bro. Culp wants to be let alone.

Will Ramsey delights in tieing neckties for the ladies while waiting in the wings, and George McCan is always in a hurry to inspect the mail box to see if there is any coming from the Black Patti company.

Fred Jennings seeks recreation scanning railroad maps and looking for high-priced hotels, while Matt Johnson yearns to again wear the blue and be back on the police force.

J. Reese Europe continually reminds us of the Marshallette Hotel by comparison, while Smithy persists in reserving rooms for four when they are most generally occupied by two only.

James Burris has an eye open for a good location for his proposed music publishing enterprise, and Irvin Allen puts in his dull moments looking for information and arguing biblical subjects.

S. H. Dudley is endeavoring to buy every available piece of ground in Chester, Pa., and Tom Logan is content with working lodge pins off of those who are not well enough posted to protect them.

Hank Leish is a crank on Star tobacco, and Bob Tubman dearly loves to examine glass crashes.

While Fred Donaway is collecting bundle money in advance, Will Carrington is busy trying to find where each member of the company is located.

Manager J. E. Comerford is authority on buying blankets.

NAGOE MOT.

AS TO A COLORED VAUDEVILLE ACTORS' ORGANIZATION.

By Sylvester Russell.

There is a something in this life, something born strange to the perception of human thought, regarding collective humanity, which no human being can nestle in his conscience and ever in his heart feel happy. The difference in the color of the skin, in this country, causes humanity to shudder; we may as well speak plainly about it. It's got to play out. Any man or cluster of men who make an effort to draw the color line in common business or professional life is on the weak side of a strong question. But the majority of men on the weak side of the question may win out for a while, but defeat will come at last.

The New York Variety gave us a great spread at the feast of what had been prepared for Christmas. The vaudeville actors organization played a very large part in the great printed literary festival of a white actor's rights and privileges. Our Harry Kraton (expert hoop entertainer) had his little say, if you please. He had probably been encouraged to say that the time for colored actors in vaudeville to organize was nigh at hand. So he said it. George Walker, too, he of high musical comedy fame, had to switch over to a vaudeville publication to say that the Negro cannot be serious. But what a sad mistake. Mr. Walker will then have to learn from the critics' supreme decision which comes at last.

When B. F. Keith first instituted continuous vaudeville in America he gave to the public artists of any race or color who could best amuse the people. He has always maintained the same standard, regardlessly. It was not a question of personal equality with Mr. Keith, but rather one of artistic worth. When a large element of vaudeville actors organized themselves into a White Rats society they drew the color line as a party who had combined to contend for their own selfish rights. It was a blessing to colored performers at the beginning of this new movement that they had no grievances against the big vaudeville managers and have never had at any time. Managers have always been willing to play them on their merits.

The color question is a grave question and one which will in time advance colored actors faster than if they were taken in by the White Rats or even if the White Rats should vigorously oppose them. The colored actors in vaudeville are too much in the minority to organize. It would, therefore, not be advisable for them to organize at this time, nor for some time to come, and if they do, it should be with a reasonable understanding as to whether it is a beneficial step or not. At present there's nothing in it. To organize would be to be turned down at will by either or any party. As an organization they would be a losing bunch. Colored actors now in vaudeville will have to run their own chances as individuals; there is a great demand for them, this and the fact that all great managers like Keith and Proctor have hearts, is an assurance that they will sail in somewhere under the grand old flag.

There may be no human harm in men working as strikebreakers for their daily bread when the men who are striking oppose them. We go back to the Civil War only to repeat that it was a white man's war, but the slaves had to fight in order to gain their freedom. I should advise colored actors in vaudeville to remain neutral on the subject of organization at present. I will even go further to advise them not to discuss actor organization problems in print, as there are nefarious reasons why and odious arguments which can best be entered into and disposed of by the Alter-ego personages on the subject.

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SMART SET COMPANY—Pittsburg, Pa., week of Feb. 24.

HARRY A. BROWN, singing cartoonist—Alpha Theatre, Erie, Pa., week of Feb. 24.

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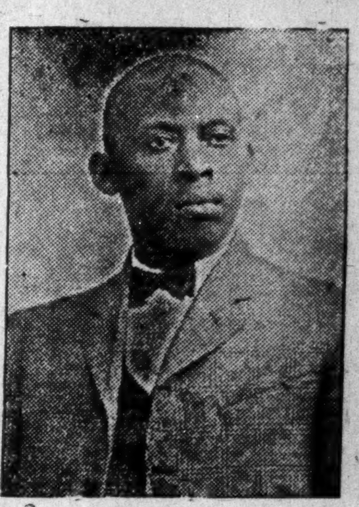

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SPORTING GOSSIP of the WEEK.

GANS BLIGHTS AMBITION OF LIGHTWEIGHTS.

Champion's Superiority Over Rivals Kills Pu... c Interest in This Class, Says Critic.

The sporting writers of the country are now out with the dope that Joe Gans, "the old master," is the cause of the lost interest now taken by the public in lightweight matches. Many of them say that Joe Gans is a blight to that class of fighters just as Jeffries is to the heavyweight division.

When Joe Humphreys was here recently with Terry McGovern and Young Corbett he made a remark to me that did not impress me so much at that time, but which I have thought of since and studied over considerably. "Did you ever stop to think," said oe, "what a grand class the lightweight division would be right now if oe Gans was out of the way for good and was not casting his black shadow over the rest of the bunch?" And what a lot of truth there is in that remark. Just look at the lot of cracking good 133-pounders ther are in the country today, who will nveer get any recognition until the old master is either put out of it by accident or else is beaten. Take the men that are fighting now. There is Packey McFarland to start with. The Chicago boy surely is a wonder and undoubtedly would be hailed as the champion if Gans could be forgotten. Then there is this fellow Rudolph Unholz, who beat Nelson the other night. Here is a fighter that has come up like a rocket and appears to be made of the stuff of which the great fighters of history are made. Nelson himself may still be a formidable man with the rest if he is given the longer route. In the East there are a load of fellows fighting about the 133-pound mark. The East itself says that Tommy Murphy is the best of these when in proper condition to fight. Out on the coast Jimmy Britt is stirring around and showing signs of coming back to life. Inded his last fight but one was a victory over Nelson and he is again matched with the Dane. There are probably several good fights in Jimmy yet. Another Easterner of great promise is this boy Matty Baldwin, who has been going along quietly, but making great strides and improving all the time. Up in Milwaukee right now Freddie Welch is looked upon as a championship possibility, and indeed has acquitted himself nobly. Then, last of all, but not least, unless his friends are mistaken, Terry McGovern may yet be a factor in a dispute over the leadership of the class—all the time barring Gans, of course.

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But what chance have any of these fellows with Gans in the road? None at all. They may fight their way through all the rest, and then there is the old master, and no one doubts for a minute that he can lick the whole bunch. Take them one at a time, night after night, and he would sail through the ranks of the present lightweights in a couple of weeks time. That is the handicap and it lessens the interest in the most popular of the fighting classes outside of the heavyweight bunch. The situation, by the way, is similar there. No matter how good the others may seem to be, Jeffries will still overshadow them and make them all look cheap by comparison. Now Gans has made several statements to the effect that he has retired from the game, but he does not make good his word, for every few days we hear of him letting slip the news that he is only waiting. Now if he would only remain retired for a year or so the people would take more interest in what the other fellows are doing. Then it will be time for him to come out, and when the bunch is sifted down to one man who stands out above all the rest, take him on and see if he is still the boss of the roost. At the present time Gans cannot make any money fighting. The opinion is so universal that he overshadows the rest of the lot that no promoter wants to stage him with any of them. The only way he can make money now is to flop to some boy and clean up on the bets, for it is a cinch that he would be a long favorite over any man he might fight. It is a hard thing to wish any man, especialy a fellow that is as great as Gans is in his class, but it certainly would be a boon to the division if he were unable to fight any more. Then there would be a mad rush to crown a new king and the fans of the country would have a joyous time before that was finished.

If you will look into the matter soundly you will find a something that hints to you strongly the most of the white fighters are only waiting to grow old and out of form before they contest him. They want something easy to whip, but Joe knows a thing or two.

TAYLOR, THE NEGRO RUNNER, A FAVORITE.

Will Represent This County in the Olympic Games at London Next Summer and Is Expected to Win His Race.

When the college athletes of the world congregate at London, England, for the Olympic games next July, the Americans will, for the first time in the history of international athletics, be regarded in the light of favorites in the middle-distance runs.

At all previous meets where our runners have met the crack Britons in the quarter, half and mile, America's chances have been long ones at the best, but next summer, if the Yankees' full strength can be presented at London, it will be a different tale. Instead of ranking as outsiders, the men who wear the Stars and Stripes will be reckoned as most dangerous of all among the world's mid-distancers.

John B. Taylor, the fleet Negro runner of Philadelphia, will be this country's hope in the quarter mile. The only bar to Taylor's success in the London meet is lack of condition. If he arrives in London early enough to be thoroughly accustomed to the climate there is hardly a doubt that the great ebony flyer will be one to burst the tape in the 400-meter race.

To realize the truth of this assertion it is only necessary to recall that Taylor is only about five yards slower than the peerless Maxey Long. He is a quarter-miler such as is found in athletics about once in ten years, and to best him on the big one-third of a mile track at Shepard's bush will take a 4401yard performance such as the athletic world has not seen since Long's record at Guttenburg. C. M.

DURNELL IS GRIEVED OVER CONDITION OF WHITE FIGHTERS.

C. E. (Boots) Durnell, the noted owner of race horses, is sad at heart. No longer does the thump, thump, of a fast race horse's hoofs make his eyes sparkle with joy. For he yearns for somebody, some white man, to come forth and whip the championship aspirations of Jack Johnson, the big, brawny Negro, who claims he can smash any pugilist in the world into unconsciousness in a limited number of rounds.

That Durnell grieves at the lack of ability of the white fighters to whip Johnson was made evident recently by his offer to subscribe $2,500 to a purse. "I'll give that sum if nine other men will contribute a similar amount," said Durnell. "Johnson is a great fighter, but I feel certain that Jeffries could whip him easily. A sweepstake of $25,000 added to a purse of $50,000 ought to be sufficient to bring Jeffries out of his retirement. I am willing to help in the matter and will cheerfully give $2,500 toward a prize to bring the men together in the ring.

"If Jeffries will not fight Johnson, I'm willing to subscribe $2,500 to a purse for a fight with any other first-class white man who is willing to go against the Negro. Is it possible that there is not another Corbett, another Fitz or another Sullivan somewhere to try conclusions with Johnson?

"Is it possible that the Negro is so great a fighter that all the heavyweights are afraid to tackle him? I hate to think this is the case, and will make it worth while for any white man to knock the championship bee out of Johnson's head."

Durnell is a rich horse owner. His horse Neaoln won the Suburban Handicap last summer, and he divided with John W. Gates $80,000 in bets. He has a big string of racers, and for the last month has spent much of his time at the Oakland race track on the Pacifis Coast.

THE GEORGE DIXON MONUMENT.

Two Thousand Dollars Has Already Been Secured.—White Promotor Raising Money.

Mike Newman, the well-known promotor of New York, was in Boston last week on business relative to the monument that the sporting people are to erect over George Dixon's grave.

It was Mr. Newman who started the movement, and he has about $2,000 now in hand. After a conference with Undertaker Hutchins, who buried the boxer, Mr. Newman found that the grave in which Dixon lies in Mount Hope Cemetery is not large enough for the monument in view, so the plot containing four graves is to be purchased.

The plan is to have only Dixon's body lie in the plot, which will make the last resting place of the little colored boxer very conspicuous. The design for the monument, which will be of granite, has not yet been completed. A bust of the boxer and an inscription are to be placed on it.

YOUNG JACKSON STAYS THE LIMIT.

Fights in Splendid Form.

Out in Maysville, Cal., a few nights ago Young Peter Jackson and Dick Sullivan, of San Francisco, fought seventeen rounds. In the seventeenth round Referee Eddie Smith, of Oakland, declared "no contest." The fighters had an agreement that if both were on their feet at the end of the twenty rounds that it was to be declared a draw. They no doubt had it framed to go the limit, and rather than "bunk" the spectators, the referee sent them to their corners.

The fighting of Jackson showed him up to be in great form and had it been a finish fight there would have been an easy victory for Jackson.

RICKARD WANTS BURNS-JOHNSON FIGHT.

Offers Larger Purse Than Any Club in the Country.

Tex Rickard, of Goldfield, Nev., who conducted the great fight between Joe Gans and Battling Nelson, has just wired Sam Fitzpatrick, the manager of Jack Johnson, to consider him a bidder for the proposed contest between Tommy Burns and Johnson, for the heavyweight championship of the world. Rickard informed Fitzpatrick that he could and would offer a larger purse than any other club in the country in order to have the fight pulled off in Nevada. Fitzpatrick and Johnson are at present in New York City. They expect Burns to arrive about April 1 after his fight with the Irish champion, Jim Roche, of Dublin, on March 17. Fitzpatrick says: "I don't think he intends to dodge Johnson this time. In fact, I do not see how he can."

PARIS WAS ALSO IN IT.

It is said George Paris was to fight Adams at Victory, B. C., February 7, fifteen rounds, and it is said George received a percentage of the receipts, also a milling.

WRESTLER MAKES CHALLENGE.

Horgie Willing to Take On Any Heavyweight.

James M. Horgie, the local champion heavyweight wrestler of Knoxville, Tenn., has issued a challenge to any wrestler at the weight of 170 to 200 pounds for a purse of $50 to $100 to the man he does not throw three times in one hour. Horgie is now at 119 Green street, Nashville, Tenn., where he is training daily. He is a deaf mute and wrestles at catch as catch can weight. Any one wishing to accept his challenge will either write this office or the address given.

Base Ball Correspondence.

February 14, 1908.

To the Officers of the National Negro Baseball League:

Having studied the proposition of a national Negro baseball league, I can say it is one of the greatest projects ever set up by the colored athletets and colored sporting men of America.

I am desirous of a berth in the league. Kokomo is one of the best baseball towns of Indiana, and we have a fine baseball ground. Amphitheatre, etc., will accommodate 2,500 or 3,000 people.

I also have a good team of baseball players. We played 54 games last season and won 45, beating such teams as Portland, Richmond, Van Wert, Veedersburg, Eagles of South Bend and Frankfort and Lebanon.

Please let me know the particulars concerning admission in the league and the initial price.

Hoping an early reply, I am,

Yours respectfully,

J. W. SMITH,

Manager Hoster Giants.

Frances Hotel, Kokomo, Ind.

February 12, 1908.

To The Freeman:

I hope that the baseball meeting will be a success and that you will be a great figure in it. I am a baseball player myself and have played all through the South during seasons for a nice salary, and if I had the least idea that there was an opening on any of those strong teams I would try and secure a place with one of them. Oh, how I could manage one of those good colored teams in an organized league! I hope they will have great success and also hope that President Frank C. Leland will soon be or is off of the sick list so as to attend the meeting.

Many good wishes for you and the league.

Your Little Rock agent,

SCOTT CURRY.

811 Arch street.

WANTS POSITION.

February 8, 1908.

To The Freeman:

With pleasure I drop you a few lines to let you hear from me. I do intend to play baseball this summer and I want to know what the chance would be for me to get a place on your team, as I understand that you are going to organize and form an association. Please send me the information of what you are going to pay and then I will know what to do.

I would like to be second catcher or left fielder. Hoping to hear from you, I am,

Yours truly,

C. A. Johnson.

764 W. Ninth st., Des Moines, Ia.

APPLICATIONS FOR UMPIRE.

George Simpson of Cleveland, O., Robert W. Marshall of the University of Pennsylvania and James Newton of Chicago, Ill., have entered applications for umpire positions in the National Colored Baseball League.

Frank Brown, better known as "Big Brown," is bartender at A. L. Burley's saloon, 541 Indiana avenue. Everybody will enjoy meeting "Brownie," as he is a splendid entertainer, having been a showman for many years and a one-time great tenor singer. He has not lost his ability by any means, as he entertains regularly every day to the delight of his many friends. Lately Mr. Brown has become so busily engaged in dealing with the "wet goods" that he has forsaken his professional life for the sporty one. Many persons wishing to spend a pleasant evening often stop in just to hear Brown get off some of his funny sayings as well as to hear him sing.

Carl Hindel, a well-known young German citizen to the colored people about town, has opened a first-class buffet and cigar stand at the southwest corner of Indiana and Capitol avenues. These rooms contain some of the finest fixtures in the city. In the buffet he is carrying a fine line of pure wet goods and in the cigar stand he has a high grade of choice cigars and tobacco. Carl allows no prejudice to exist where behavior is good and is ever glad to see many of his old friends. He wants you to come in and just look around.

BILL TO RESTRICT COLORED MEN.

COLUMBUS, S. C.—Special.—The drastic Rucker bill, intended directly to make it possible to exercise closer regulation of disorderly Negroes, was passed by the House January 17. The measure requires the licensing of all secret societies, and makes it a misdemeanor for a person to attend a meeting of an unlicensed society. It is aimed particularly at "Before Day" clubs and other Negro organizations, which Rucker declared are breeders of crime against white persons.

AN APPEAL TO THE COLORED VOTERS OF NEW JERSEY, INDIANA, OHIO AND ILLINOIS FOR UNITED POLITICAL ACTION WITH THE COLORED CITIZENS OF NEW YORK.

Colored Citizens' League, Fourth and Fifth Congressional Districts of New York.

Special to The Freeman:

To the Colored Voters of New Jersey, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois:

We, the colored citizens of the Fourth and Fifth Congressional Districts of New York State, a section in which there resides about one-third of the colored voters of the State, know that we voice the sentiment of the rest of the colored voters in this initial step to unite with us of the Empire State the colored citizens of the States of New Jersey, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, in order that we of the above several States, where there is "a free ballot and fair count" for all citizens, regardless of race, color or creed, in the interest of all DESIRABLE colored citizens of the United States, North, East, South or West.

In view of these facts we appeal to the colored citizens of New Jersey, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois to organize in clubs and leagues, and by meetings, public speeches, petitions to national delegates to nominating conventions, and by all other honorable methods, work from now until the close of the coming presidential election to aid elect an All-American President.

Let us remember the Brownsville, Tex., "shoot up" and the injustice therefrom.

THE COLORED CITIZENS LEAGUE OF THE FOURTH AND FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF NEW YORK.

Headquarters 1715 Fulton street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Signed: William A. Thompson, Willis F. Hodges, Thos. Gott, Wm. J. Hodges, W. E. H. Chase, John Brooks, Charles H. Johnson, Joseph H. Bowen, Wm. Page, William L. Robbins Sr., C. W. C. Clayton, Wm. Blake, M. C. Lewis, I. C. Weston, Wm. L. Robbins Jr., Robt. Wilson, Amos B. Clark Jr., executive committee. Samuel A. Walker, president; Augustus M. Hodges, secretary; Charles Johnson, treasurer.

Address all communications to the secretary, Augustus M. Hodges, 1994 Fulton street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 20, 1908.

CALL OF NATIONAL POLITICAL SUFFRAGE CONFERENCE OF COLORED AMERICANS.

The positive and notoriously hostile attitude of the Government of our Republic toward the citizens of color under the present Republican administration and the approach of the party nominating conventions in this year 1908, produce a crisis for one-eighth of the citizenship of these United States of America. The open alliance between the President and the nullifiers of the constitution in the South constitutes the most flagrant collusion between a Republican President and the Southern Democrats since the emancipation of the American slaves forty-five years ago today, save in the case of Andrew Johnson at the close of the Civil War or of Rutherford B. Hayes at the close of the Reconstruction. But it has remained for the present chief executive of the United States to prescribe in official documents an inferior grade of education for one class of citizens, and to thus officially brand that class as concealers of criminals and as rapists, while the defaming and discharging in disgrace of more than a hundred soldiers, all colored, without a trial or chance to be heard in their own defense is a denial of justice and constitutional rights visited upon colored citizens unprecedented in our country's history. The placing of the nation's sanction upon the segregation of citizens for and because of color in public travel but completes the Federal maltreatment of the colored citizens under the present Republican administration, leaving him stripped of rights, branded and in contempt.

In view of these unusual and extraordinary conditions, in view of the attempt of the present czarocratic regime to perpetuate itself in power in imperial fashion, in view of the open candidacy for the Republican party's nomination for the presidency of one who in his official position as a Cabinet officer has in public speech in the South condoned their disfranchisement of citizens for color in admitted violation of the Federal constitution, and who has supinely endorsed in toto the brutal and autocratic discharge of colored soldiers without trial by executive decree, you as one of a class which almost from necessity has for two generations by its solid support and with a loyalty that sacrifices friends, the chance to make terms with the enemy and even life itself, kept the Republican party almost continuously in power, but one who is free from party obligation, are invited to a national conference of colored men, and of avowed friends, to be held in the city of Philadelphia, Pa., on the 7th day of April, 1908, to counsel together as to the wisest course to be pursued politically by the colored citizens of the country, especially those who are willing to use this weapon for the rights and liberties of their class, under the present abnormal condition of affairs.

This conference will hvae special reference to what demands shall be made of political parties as to the national platform and most particularly for the presidential nomination most deserve the support of the colored voters. Please come prepared to make a stand for equal rights and for constitutional liberty for all in these United States without regard to race, color or creed.

Signed:

ALEXANDER WALTERS,
President of the Afro-American Council.

WILLIAM H. SCOTT,
President of the Suffrage League of Boston and vicinity.

WILLIAM MONROE TROTTER,
President of the New England Constitution and Suffrage League.

Boston, Mass., January 1, 1908.

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ABYSSINIAN PRINCE SEEKING CAPITAL.

A special from Berlin, Germany, says: "Prince Ludwig Menelik of Abyssinia," was printed on a visiting card handed to the American vice consul general by a tall, well-groomed, frock-coated, silk-hatted colored gentlemen, who proceeded in faultless English to introduce himself as the nephew of Emperor Menelik of Abyssinia.

The prince, who is living in modest Berlin lodgings since the alleged theft of his money and valuables while he was en route from Paris to Berlin, says he is looking for an American capitalist who may be persuaded to acquire possession of his vast domains in northern Abyssinia, aggregating 150,000 acres.

He says he believes his lands contain incalculable wealth in the form of diamond, coal and gold mines, to say nothing about forests of rubber trees and cotton plantations. He prefers that these properties shall be developed by American capital rather than English, French or German.

The prince makes an exceedingly favorable impression. He is about 35 years old, and has the manner of a gentleman. He has traveled in Mexico, Central America and nearly all the European countries. He was graduated from the English college at Cairo, Egypt.

Don't forget that College Heights is an established fact; it is not merely on paper. The beautiful addition to Guthrie is already platted, and with an eye single to the many advantages of modern cities. Oklahoma is strictly in favor at this time, and Guthrie, the capital, is the particular center of attraction. College Heights adjoins Guthrie. As Guthrie, so is College Heights. Get in on the ground floor. You take no chances.

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Race Gleanings

There are thirty-seven Negro banks in this country.

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There are twenty-two species of rubber trees in the Negro country of Liberia.

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There are now enrolled in the medical department of Howard University 313 students.

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Already $2,000 has been raised for the George Dixon monument fund at Boston, Mass.

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All Abyssinian male children over twelve must go to school. The State provides the education and is building many schools.

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Mr. Phillip A. Lackey, who died Tuesday, January 28, 1908, at Galena, Kan., was one of the only men of his race who was interested in the lead and zinc business for over fifteen years.

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Last week the Farmer's Journal, a periodical devoted to the agricultural and economic development of the Negro farmer, made its first appearance. It is edited by Prof. J. J. Goldwire of Griffin, Ga.

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The Watchman of Austin, Texas, says: "The Japs say all they want is equal privileges with citizens of the United States. That's something citizens of the United States can't always get themselves.

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Robert H. Carter, the first Negro to engage in the drug business in Massachusetts, and one of the first persons of New Bedford to become interested in the Massachusetts Pharmaceutical Association, is dead.

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James B. Hill of Atlanta, Ga., is the first Negro in the country to receive a Carnegie hero medal. A check for $500 was sent as a reward for risking his life in saving several people in danger from a runaway team at Atlanta.

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It is not generally known that the largest taxpayer in Westmoreland County, Virginia, the home of George Washington and Robert E. Lee, is a colored man, and he is also one of the largest exporters of logs in the world. His name is W. H. Johnson, an ex-slave.

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The Pullman Palace Car Company has cut a "melon" in which the stockholders did not share. Instead, the "melon" was apportioned among faithful employees, conductors and porters. Employees who heartily co-operate with the company in improving the service were rewarded with an extra month's salary.

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Elijah Johnson, brother of the late John V. ("Mushmouth") Johnson, the late noted gambler of Chicago, filed a suit attacking the will left by his mother, who died a few weeks after her son's death. The will states that his sisters, Eudora Johnson and Mrs. Louisa A. Ray, "exercised many undue arts, acts and fraudulent practices to get possession of the property, which consists of a dozen business and residence buildings.

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W. W. Russell, a well-known expert poultry raiser of Richmond, Ind., captured first prize in the cockerel and pullet exhibit at the Indiana Poultry Fanciers' Association show held last week in Tomlinson Hall, Indianapolis. Mr. Russell is an Afro-American woning a large poultry farm in Richmond, where he spends a great amount of his time raising choice breeds of chickens. The cockerel which won the prize here is valued at $500.

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Chancellor Heiskell of Memphis, Tenn., has made permanent a temporary injunction granted in September last prohibiting an organization of Negroes, styling themselves the Improved Benevolent Order of Elks, with Grand Lodge headquarters in Chicago, using the name "Elks," wearing copies of the Elk pin and button as used by the white organization of Elks or using the ritual of that organization. In his decision Chancellor Heiskell stated that the name and secrets of the order could no more be usurped than could a copyrighted name of an article in trade.

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During the past four years the death rate for consumption among the Negroes in Chicago was 235.7 per cent higher than the rate among the white population. For the same period the pneumonia death rate among the Negroes of the city exceeded the white death rate from the same disease by 97 per cent and in bronchitis the death rate was 15 per cent higher.

Putting it in another way, it would read like this: Of the 3,701 Negro deaths for the past four years 43.5 per cent were caused by the chief impure air diseases: Tuberculosis, 24.8; penumonia, 16.8 per cent, and bronchitis, 1.9 per cent.

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The National Negro Bankers' Association will hold its next session at Baltimore, Md. The reports show that Negro banks are controlling over $6,000,000. President Pettiford reports his bank as having $200,000 on deposit, and that it is up to the Negro to demonstrate his ability in the financial world; that we need Negro banks to protect our people.

Many important discussions on various financial topics were discussed. Several banks were represented. Among the most prominent were H. H. King of the People's Bank, Yazoo City, Miss.; J. H. McConnico, Capital Bank, Little Rock; Charles Banks of Mound Bayou; A. C. Houston, Ft. Worth; R. R. Church and J. T. Settle.

Only six years ago Meta Vaux Warrick, a Negro girl, was unknown in the world of sculpture; today she is undoubtedly one of the greatest of women sculpturists. The following is told of her career: About six years ago Meta Vaux Warrick went before Monsieur Rodin (the Michael Angelo of today) to show her work. The master looked it over and his glance seemed to spell disapproval, but as she handed him a mournful looking mass something in it claimed the master's attention; he ran his fingers over the body and gazed long at it. Then he laid his hand on the young girl's shoulder and said: "My child, you are a sculptor; you have the sense of form." The French press has compared her work to that of Rodin himself.

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C. Wesley Brown, a highly educated Negro, is in Hot Springs, Ark., in the interest of the Basuto government of Africa, and he is attempting to persuade 200 educated and skilled Negroes to leave here and go to the land of their forefathers. Brown has credentials which show that he is high in the confidence of the ruler. He comes equipped with documents which authorize him to bring 200 Negro workingmen back to Africa and to offer them not only free passage, but free homes. The country is south of the Orange Free State and is governed by blacks. It has been found, however, that the educators are not raising the standard rapidly enough and the government has decided to import 200 American Negroes, all of whom must be men with trades. It is reported that many Negroes are favorably impressed with the plan and that Brown will be able to enlist many in his plan.

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Alumni As Authors.

The proverb tells us that of the making of books there is no end. Howard University graduates have contributed not a little to this endless chain of authorship. Among the more notable books by Howard men may be numbered: "Men of Mark," by Rev. William J. Simmons, D. D., which still remains the best extant work on the biography of eminent colored men; "Douglas the Orator" by James M. Gregory; "Laws of Evidence," by D. Augustus Straker; "Adventism Answered," by Rev. G. Frazier Miller; "His Honor" and "See-Saw," by Cynthia E. Cleveland; "A Peculiar People," by Mrs. Arabella V. Chase; "The Preacher and His Preparation," by Rev. J. C. Watkins; "The Aftermath of Slavery," by William A. Sinclair; "The Village Green," by Dr. G. A. Thompson.—Howard University Record.

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Mr. R. W. Thompson, our staff correspondent, says that in Cambridge, Mass., you will see the following:

A black alderman, sitting on a board with ten white colleagues, and elected by voters, 95 per cent of whom are white.

Two Negro representatives in the Legislature, chosen by constituencies in which the colored vote is relatively small.

Seven members of the Common Council are of African descent.

A Negro chief of the Fire Department, in which he is the only man of color.

A black policeman, patrolling streets occupied mostly by white residents, for nineteen years in succession.

A Negro at the head of the city department of bacteriology.

A Negro member of the public library trustees, with all white associates.

A black commander of a white post of the Grand Army.

A woman of nearly pure African blood acting principal of a grammar school in a fashionable district with six white teachers and several hundred white pupils under her charge.

Porto Rico's Political Status.

Porto Rico came to the hands of the united States because of the war, without the consent of the inhabitants, who were counselled neither by Spain nor the United States. Naturally the native element never feared any wrong from any nation upon which their eyes had more than once gazed in their dreams for liberty. Therefore they accepted their fate from Providence. But in the course of time, when they found that they were denied American citizenship, and that the American flag was there as a sign of conquest, or perhaps as an emblem of protection only, while the constitution had remained at home, depriving them of its benefits, a natural discontent began to take place, and it must be said that it has not disappeared yet, and will not disappear until complete justice has been done.

While Spaniards and other foreigners may become American citizens in the United States or Porto Rico by simply following the regulations of the law, the native of Porto Rico, who has been under the American flag for over nine years now, has no legal way of becoming a citizen of the United States, or of receiving the blessings of the constitution he has sworn to support. Even if the Porto Ricons tried to become American citizens in this country they could not, for the simple reason that they have no nationality to renounce. I know of no other people in the civilized world who are in the same position. There is something wrong in all this, and the American people ought not to stand by and consent to it any longer.—The Southern Workman.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

SPECIAL.—The Freeman, did you say? What's in it? Everything worth knowing about the race. Who reads it? Everybody. Where can I get it? At E. M. Johnson's O. K. Barber Shop and Bath Parlors, 144 East Second street...As a result of Cupid's deadly aim, Rev. J. H. W. Morris, pastor of Trinity A. M. E. Church, and Mrs. W. W. Taylor of the Plain Dealer will be married in the parlors of the Trinity A. M. E. Church Thursday evening. Good luck to the parson...Rev. J. H. Allen has just closed a series of meetings at Calvary Baptist Church with upwards of eighteen candidates for baptism. May the good work continue...Panic? Not in Salt Lake City. Plenty of work for all who want and will work...Our headwaiters: J. W. Durham, the Knutsford; J. J. Henderson, the Wilson; J. D. Fort, the Cullen; Robt. Hill, the Lowre Rathskeller; "Doc" Douglas, the Commercial Club; W. H. Brown, the University Club; and Thos. Frames, one of our famous Western head waiters, is due in town today from Boise, Ida., where he has just resigned from the headwaitership of the Idaho. It is whispered that "Jack," as he is known, has five aces up his sleeve...A. O. Hall has accepted a position as bartender at the Waiters' and Porters' Club...The O. S. L. Railroad began work Monday on the foundation of its $600,000 depot to be rushed through. Hard times? Not in Salt Lake City...Eight hundred Afro-Americans in the city and no colored physicians. My what an opening for a man who knows...The Ladies' Progressive Club is a force and factor in benevolent work in this city. Mrs. Chas. McSwine, president. Lend a hand...The fraternities are all in good shape and gaining ground... The Wintah Lodge No. 56, I. B. P. O. E. of W. will give a grand masquerade ball Wednesday, Feb. 12... Important society events should be phoned to Jones, the agent of The Freeman, the real race journal, read by everybody and for sale at O. K. Barber Shop, 144 East Second street, phone 2610.

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO.

Miss Dianah Hackley of Chicago, Ill., is in the city for an extended visit...Mrs. Sarah Ramsey, an evangelist of Indianapolis, Ind., will conduct revival services at Wiley M. E. Church all week...Mrs. Dudley Jackson Jr. is improving nicely after a week's illness...Madam Henrietta G. Williams Concert Company is home again after a very successful two nights' entertainment at Cedarsville. Marie Hamilton, the pianist, received several compliments. Lester Greene made a decided hit with "Pumpkin Pie" and "Crow." Miss Clara Bell and Redney Basey won the cake in a "Lovely Day for a Walk in New York."...Prof. Finch of Wilberforce University delivered a very able address to a large audience at the St. John Baptist Church. Under the auspices of the Colored Women's Christian Association our women became awake to the fact that we must have a place for young girls and strange women to be made welcome. Thanks to the beautiful work started by Miss Daisy Walker of Indianapolis, who, while in our city, so greatly impressed our women to do their duty, and help an outcast sister...The City Federation of Women's Clubs met Monday afternoon at the Golden Rule Cottage parlor, and after the general routine of business the following officers were elected: Mrs. Henry Linden, re-elected president; Mrs. S. L. Cochran, re-elected first vice-president; Mrs. I. B. Jackson, secretary; Mrs. Chas. Lockett, assistant secretary; Mrs. Chester Nelson, corresponding secretary; Mrs. A. Stewart, treasurer; Mrs. Willis Robinson, chairman. Ways and Means Committee: Miss Elsie Stewart, chairman; Look-Out Committee, Mrs. Barthelt, chairman; Program Committee, Mrs. Amanda White was re-elected chaplain. The president appointed the presidents of the clubs belonging to the federation to visit the public schools in their districts and get the enrollment of our children in attendance. "The Political Enfranchisement of Women" is the subject for discussion the third Wednesday of this month, February 19. The members are asked to bring in an article she has read or heard concerning the suffrage movement...The Phyllis Wheatley Culture Club was delightfully entertained by the president, Mrs. Henry Linden, last Tuesday afternoon. A Japanese tea was served by the hostess. The following officers were elected for the new year: Mrs. Henry Linden, honorary president; Mrs. Louise Nelson, president; Mrs. Alice Maxberry, vice-president; Miss Ethel Bray, secretary; Mrs. Wm. Stewart, treasurer.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

Local option will put up a strong fight this year...The Crispus Attucks Club will render a public program and tender a banquet at St. Paul's A. M. E. Church, 622 East Mason street, Tuesday evening, Feb. 18. A very creditable program is promised. There will be no charge at the door for entrance. The various active colored pastors of the city and their wives are invited as special guests to the banquet at the expense of the club. The public is invited to the program and the banquet. Supper to be prepared at 25 cents per plate, by the trustee helpers of St. Paul's A. M. E. Church... J. E. Thompson has moved his store to 815 East Washington street. Here you can get The Freeman every week...Cole and Johnson in their eccentric and hilarious creation "The Shoe-Fly Regiment," arrived here Thursday for three days with matinees at the New Majestic. They have a strong cast — fifty people — and the house was crowded Thursday and Friday evenings, and the prospects are for a crowded house tonight. They represent the highest class stage folk...The body of Arthur Donnegan was brought here from Helena, Mont., where he was drowned the latter part of October. It was some time before the body was discovered, and after having found it, it was some time before it could be identified, being so nearly unrecognizable. While here in wait for funeral obsequies, the body was in charge of Undertaker Rhoden on North Eighth street. The funeral was held Monday at the undertaker's parlor. Rev. T. Price officiated... Mr. Smith of east part of town died Saturday, January 25. The funeral was held this week...Gov. Deneen has been confined to his bed for several weeks, caused by an attack of lagrippe...Mayor Reece, who has been ill, is fast recovering...The prevalence of lagrippe has been epidemic...Many improvements are being made at the Leland since the Wiggins reclaimed management... The political firmament is yet in a state of liquifaction, but as soon as the Legislature comes to some agreement on the primary law, politics will appear on the horizon in full blossom...Dr. J. T. Caston of Fulton, Mo., filled the pulpit at New Hope Church on January 26, preaching able sermons. Miss Nancy Brown sang a creditable solo...Mr. Miles, of the Leland, is striving to bring the services up to a high standard. He urges the boys to read The Freeman and other papers and become more enlightened...In this county all or most all colored people should support A. C. Matthews of Pittsfield for Lieutenant Governor, as he was the first man to give a colored man recognition as page...Rev. T. Price preached a fine sermon January 26, advising the people to buy homes and live within their means.

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CITY AND SOCIETY.

George Williams, of Columbus O., is spending a few days in the city.

Regular services at St. Philips Episcopal church tomorrow at 4 o'clock.

Mrs. Alberta McFarland continues ill at her home in North California street.

Homer Lucas, who has been employed at Anderson, has returned to the city.

Miss Ida Miller, of Chicago, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Belle Brown, this week.

Dr. E. W. S. Hammond will be the guest of Rev. J. S. Bailey, 616 W. Tenth street.

The W. C. T. U. will hold their meeting at Flanner Guild Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Mrs. Belle Davis, in Bird street, will be hostess to the Woman's club Monday afternoon.

Miss Beatrice Webber slipped and fell on the the ice Monday night and is confined to her home.

Mrs. Mayme J. Holman is home again in Muskingum street, after a successful operation at Dr. J. H. Ward's sanitorium.

The Ladies' Mastodon Minstrels will be given Easter Monday night at Tomlinson Hall, under the direction of Jas. Nicholson.

William Milliam, with vice-president Schaff of the New York Central was in the city last Wednesday en route to Chicago.

Mrs. Charity Barchard, of Chicago who has been the guest of her father George Hamlin, and her brother has returned home.

Mrs. Emma Ford, of Grand Rapids, Mich., has returned to the city to resume her work in connection with the Y. C. W. P. A.

Dr. E. W. S. Hammond, dean of Braden School of Theology, Nashville, Tenn., will preach at Simpson Chapel Sunday evening at 7:45.

Frank Summers, an old Indianapolis citizen, who has resided in Chicago the past five years, returned to the city last Sunday to remain permanently.

Rev. G. C. Sampson, pastor of Allen Chapel, has selected for his subject at the evening service to-morrow, an answer to the "Gifts of Tongues."

A grand Leap Year Musical and Literary entertainment will be given under the auspices of the Dorcas Circle, Wednesday night, at Jones Tabernacle.

Elwood C. Knox, business manager of The Freeman, presented the St. Philips Episcopal church, of which he is a member, with the bishop's chair last Sunday at the 4 o'clock service.

A. E. Manning, of The World, and Geo. L. Knox, publisher of The Freeman, were in Chicago last week and attended the "Douglass Day" exercises at Bethel A. M. E. church, at which Dr. Booker T. Washington was the speaker.

Little Isabella Horton, of New York City, who is styled as being the most powerful female missionary in the field, who has traveled throughout the United States, has arrived in the city. She will preach at Allen Chapel to-morrow at the morning service. She is a wonderful singer.

The ministers of the evangelical churches of Indianapolis and vicinity met in the Y. M. C. A. room Tuesday, the 18th inst., and after many enthusiastic addresses, perfected an organization to be known as "The Interdenominational Meeting of Colored Ministers." The object is to investigate and seek to better the condition of our people as a whole. Officers were elected and laws to govern the body were adopted. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 3d, at 10 a. m., at the Y. M. C. A. rooms. All ministers are invited. Rev. C. W. McColl is president, and Rev. Leroy Mitchell, secretary.

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Final arrangements for the Douglass Memorial are now completed and a hugh success is assured. The parade composed of the K. of P. and Simpson's bands, the U. R. K. of P. and Knights of Tabor, with the subordinate lodges, will form at the corner of North and Indiana avenue at 1:30 p. m., and will act as an escort to Dr. E. W. S. Hammond, the speaker of the day, who in company with W. A. Kersey, president of the Y. M. C. A., will occupy a hack, to Tomlinson hall. The doors will be thrown open to the public at 2:30 p. m., at which time the orchestra, under the direction of Prof. Samuel Ratliffe, will commence their specially arranged musical program. The public is requested to facilitate matters by taking the seats here designated: The lower floor is for men only, the first balcony is for lady organizations and ladies only, the second balcony and gallery are for the general public. The platform for ministers and representatives of the various organizations, who are requested to send one of their number to the platform. The members of the various female organizations are requested to be in their seats before 2:45, as no seats will be held after that time. A special corps of ushers will see to the handling of the vast crowd that is expected. The program will consist of an overture by the orchestra, singing, collection, and an address by that peerless and brilliant orator, Rev. E. W. S. Hammond, A. M.; D. D., on the "Life and Works of Frederick Douglass." Dr. Hammond is one of the finest platform orators of the Negro race and all Indianapolis will turn out to hear him. Years ago when he was pastor of Simpson Chapel he was beloved by all who know him. He is at present dean of the Bible Institute of Walden University, Nashville, Tenn.

Distinguished Guests in the City.

Bishop Phillips, of the C. M. E. church, will visit this city Sunday in the interest of the mission recently established here. He will be accompanied by Rev. Dr. R. S. Stout, of Little Rock, Ark., both of whom have been in Washington, D. C., a few days this week. Dr. Stout is known for his work in the missionary field where he has had great success. He will preach at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The bishop wi.l occupy the pulpit at the afternoon service, which will begin at 3 o'clock. The C. M. E. mission is at Twelfth and West streets, at the True Reformers' hall. Members and friends of the church are cordially invited to attend all services. Rev. J, F. Taylor is pastor.

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SCRANTON, PA.

The following Pittstonians attended Bethel Church Sunday evening: Mr. and Mrs. Moore and sons, Eddie and Obed, Miss Viola Wheeler, Mr. Andrews and the Misses Johanna and Bessie Blue...Howard band boys are busy rehearsing for their minstrel show to be given in St. Luke's parish house March 2...Miss Aura Dorsey, who is ill with pneumonia, is much better...James Foster, who is ill, is convalescing... Mrs. Patterson is ill with rheumatism...Don't forget the drama "Thirty Years of Freedom" to be given in Bethel Hall Tuesday evening...A large congregation turned ut at both services on Sunday to hear as usual two able sermons by Rev. N. D. Temple...The finest reception of the season will be given by the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World on Thursday evening, Feb. 27, at Guernsay Hall. A grand time is promised all who attend...The Oriental Lodge No. 80, F. and A. M., will celebrate its third anniversary on Friday evening, March 27, at Guernsey Hall, 316 Washington avenue...When you are ill go to Dr. Greene, the only colored physician in town. He is stopping at 743 Jefferson avenue...Chas. A. Norton, the comedian, is doing fine here playing all the leading clubs of Scranton and has been made an Elk...The Freeman may be secured weekly at 422 Moir Court, Scranton; Richard W. Shelton, agent. ...Richard W. Shelton would like to hear from the Dandy Dixie Minstrels, also from Andrew Copeland Cook and Stevens, Anderson, Goines and Walter Lyons...The week of Feb. 17 Leonora Thurber and her four black birds were seen at Polis Theatre, Scranton...Miss Maud Shelton of the Shelton family would like to hear from Mrs. Maud Shelton of Indianapolis, Ind.

PRESCOTT, ARIZ.

Mr. Lawson has returned from Los Angeles, Cal...Mr. and Mrs. Walker have returned home from San Francisco, where they have been on business. The plans for the $5,000 colored church have been perfected.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

The Elks lodge of Oklahoma City have sent out invitations for 100 couples for their annual banquet... John Smith, head waiter at the Savoy, entertained some friends from the East at Walker's Up-to-Date Cafe on Wednesday of last week...The Fashion Plate Club is still leading the Southwest with their up-to-date togs from W. J. Johnson's tailoring establishment...Geo. Stewart and Earnest Watson have left the Savoy for Omaha.

BOLEY, OKLA.

L. L. Williams, the up-to-date undertaker from St. Louis, was a visitor and prospector in our town recently. Boley now has a population of about 2,500, and some of the best people to be found in any cosmopolitan city. There are about one hundred business houses, two banks, capitalized at $25,000 and $50,000. The City Council of Boley meets each first and third Wednesday nights in the month. They will meet this month and appoint under the new regime of statehood, a town justice of the peace.

LOUISVILLE, KY.

The Frontenac Club gave a very swell ball Feb. 10. The music was furnished by Prof. Tobe Brown's orchestra. The club will give a grand mask ball March 3 at the Frontenac Hall. Mrs. Maxwell will introduce the Bom Bom Budie dance under the direction of Prof. Dan Dans. The following are the officers of the organization: Frank L. Fleming, president; Felix Brown, vice president; Harry J. Ashby, secretary; Walter Tinsley, assistant secretary; Cato Moss, recording secretary; James Stinger, treasurer; Geo. H. May, general manager; Clay Kenedy, financial secretary.

WAXAHACHEE, TEX.

A. A. Salone is on the sick list... The farmers are getting ready to plant corn...The T. & B. V. Railroad is soon to build the railroad from Waxahachee to Dallas, a distance of thirty-two miles, at which time work will be plentiful around Waxahachee. ...The Negroes should read The Freeman, the best Negro paper printed in the United States. One copy, 5 cents; three months, 60 cents; six months, 85 cents; one year, $1.50. G. Washington Bruce, agent, 129 Aikero street.

PADUCAH, KY.

James Canford died Feb. 10 at his home after a long illness of a complication of diseases. The funeral services were held at the A. M. E. Church, conducted by Rev. G. W. Robertson. Interment at Oak Grove Cemetery. Mr. Canford was 54 years old...Mrs. Brown of Cleveland is in the city looking after the estate of her sister, the late Mrs. J. B. Merriweather...Attorney B. P. Dee of Columbus, Ky., is visiting in the city. Mrs. John Egester and Mrs. J. A. Lindsey are very ill...The Cosmopolitan Club meets with Miss Anders. ...C. B. Boyd has opened a cafe in South Seventh street.

OLEAN, N. Y.

Rev. W. F. Coffey of the A. M. E. Church is assisting Rev. G. G. Skinner, pastor of Oil City, Pa., in revivals....Menzo Marshal, local preacher of Portville, N. Y., conducted the services at the A. M. E. Church in the absence of Rev. W. F. Coffey...The Sunday school is preparing a very excellent program for the celebration of the anniverasry of Richrad Allen, founder of the A. M. E. Church...The Masonic Lodge No. 42, F. & A. M., gave a grand ball at Coast Hall the 12th. There were out of town guests from Bradford, Pa., Jamestown, Pa., Hornell, N. Y., and other nearby towns. It was one of the swellest affairs of this year.

PRESCOTT, ARIZ.

Rev. H. L. McKinney, pastor of the A. M. E. Zion Church of Proscott, preached an able sermon to his congregation on Sunday evening, Feb. 9, taking as his text Acts 16:25, subject "The Christian Missionary at Philippi."

Paul and Silas, he said, were chosen of the Holy Spirit to introduce the gospel of Jesus Christ into the borders of Europe. Their endowment was supremely of God and for this reason they were possessed with miraculous gifts and could both heal the body and cure the soul. He also said that their apparent afflictions and ultimate triumph opened the door of a new continent for the church of God. He showed where the gospel finally conquered Europe and reclaimed the savage tribes of the North. Finally that we need a spiritual wave of revolution in the church and the seed of martyrdom for Christ would so revolutionize human society that the savage traits and tendencies would be erased and the godly ideal of universal brotherhood would triumph and hasten the conquest of remaining darkness.

CORSICANA, TEX.

The reading public seems to be delighted to have The Freeman in the city again, the agent is meeting encouragement at every home and we shall be glad to put the paper in each home in the city, as there seems to be an awakening on the part of our young men in the city...We have organized a colored Y. M. C. A. since Jan. 1, 1908, with sixty-five members. At the head of this noble organization we are glad to have such gentlemen as J. H. Brown, president; M. S. Williamson, secretary; S. R. Chestnutt, terasurer. Prof. G. W. Jackson and W. L. Dennis on the executive committee at the head of each committee are men well fitted for the places. We shall speak of them from time to time. We would do injustice to the cause should we fail to speak of the good work being done in the church and city by Dr. D. S. Moten, pastor of Bethel A. M. E. Church. It looks as though Bro. Moten will be pastor of the entire city, for he is finding work for each soul that he came in contact with.

DALLAS, TEX.

Jenkins and Westley are doing some fine engraving and cartoon work for the leading Negro journals of the city and State...See J. G. Griffin at 190 Main street and let him enroll you and your friends as readers of The Freeman...Robert Stokes died at the home of his mother last Tuesday night after a short illness and was buried from Old Bethel A. M. E. Church. The floral offerings were many and beautiful. The bereaved family has the sympathy of their many friends and acquaintances...The new business for ladies and children just opened by Miss Estella Walker, Wm. Wade, Miss J. Winn, J. G. Griffin, corner Good and Bryant streets, promises many new styles in hair goods, dress and ladies' tailor made suits and up-to-date millinery, the latest styles. A call will convince you...It is now time to count the number of Negroes who have secured their poll tax so that when the coming elections are announced that the Negro vote will be cast where it will be of some material good to them...Jas. Overstreet, C. C. of Pride of the West K. of P. Lodge No. 12 accompanied the remains of Mr. Holloway to Calvert this week, where interment was held under the auspices of the K. of P. of that city...When in the history of Dallas have the citizens heard of so many deathbed testimonials from Negroes wanting white undertakers to bury them as are being talked of here just now. Before Negroes begin to do this last sad rite for the colored people. Here there was nothing of the kind heard of, so it is now high time for that kind of Negroes to cut it out and be men and women loyal to Negro business enterprise...More than thirty gentlemen of this city have begun a co-operative company to do business in Texas with headquarters in Dallas. Are you one of them? Why not? It is time. Let every one of the sons and daughters of Ham pick some industrial and progressive ideas, for they are much needed if you will only take a look at some of the young men and women of the race. It will bring shame and sorrow to many if continued...Johnnie Davis says he likes to see good ball playing and the fans are getting ready for the Riverside Rootorical Union yells...There were several champion pool games pulled off in the city this week...The Riverside Amusement Company is the talk of the city...J. W. Robinson and P. A. Beachum and Will Wade have recently purchased homes.

HATTIESBURG, MISS.

The program rendered by the Howell Literary Club last Sunday, Feb. 16, at Howell Hall was educational as well as amusing. There were a good many visitors present and several new members were taken in also. The club has boarded the train for success with S. H. Kinnard conductor means likewise. The program was as follows: Several songs rendered by the club; select reading by Miss W. M. McCarter; solo, Miss L. A. B. Griffin; address of welcome, G. T. Spence; debate, Resolved, that industrial education is of more benefit to the Negro than a college education, affirmative T. R. Smith, Mrs. Mattie Pickens; negative, M. N. Craft, Mrs. E. L. Allen. Instrumental solo, Madam W. K. Hardaway, S. K. Kinnard, president; Miss L. A. B. Griffin, secretary. The committee has been appointed for Memorial day of the Hon. E. D. Howell. The Y. M. C. A. is doing well. S. J. Duncan, president; Dr. J. H. Howard, treasurer; W. G. Clark, secretary.

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